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ALLEGATION OF JAPANESE DIPLOMAT

Behind the scenes at Brussels, assurances were given of substantial foreign support to the Nanking Government, according to sensational reports published in Tokyo this morning, on the authority of a high Japanese diplomatic official in Paris.

Munition loans to the value of £100,000,000 are alleged to have been guaranteed, providing for the supply of huge quantities of arms and ammunition.

Tokyo, To-day.
The "Nichi Nichi" to-day splashes a sensational telephonic interview with Mr. Kido, Japanese statesman in Paris.

Mr. Kido declared that since the Brussels Conference, Dr. Wellington Koo has been secretly carrying on negotiations with the British, American, French, Belgian and Soviet delegates to the Conference requesting a munitions loan of £100,000,000.

Dr. Koo is alleged to have declared that otherwise the Powers' rights and interests in the Orient would be wiped out.

Mr. Kido states that Dr. Koo secretly called on the British and American delegates on November 22 and tearfully implored British and American positive assistance, otherwise China would perish or yield to Japan.

The five-power delegates held a secret meeting at which the British and Americans are alleged to have tentatively promised support of Chinese resistance.

"It is a fact that such a promise was given to the Chinese representatives."

ENORMOUS SUPPLIES

Mr. Kido states that General Chiang Kai-shek requested a £100,000,000 3 per cent. loan, to be ex-

CONCERTED AIR RAID ALARM SYSTEM FOR H.K.

It is notified for general information that tests of a concerted alarm system for use in an emergency will be carried out to-morrow at 10 a.m. and at 8 p.m. The practice alarm will be effected by the following means:—

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The Dairy Farm Company's whistle at Pokfulam.

pending on enormous supplies, which Mr. Kido gives in detail.

They would include, he says, a thousand aeroplanes, 150 field-guns, 324 anti-aircraft guns, 5,000 heavy machine-guns and 15,000 light machine-guns and millions of rounds of shells.

"Japan must realise the opportunity of ripening joint assistance to China behind the scenes."

DECISIVE ACTIONS NOW IN PROGRESS

Shanghai, 1.45 p.m. To-day.

The whole immediate fate of the Chinese resistance on the Hing-Kiangyin front is to-day staked on three sanguinary encounters, raging at Hing, Changchow (Wutsin) and Kiangyin, according to reliable reports.

Simultaneous attacks were launched at dawn this morning on all three towns. The first violent onslaughts, preceded by intense aerial bombardment, enabled the Japanese to gain a foothold in all three towns, but it is officially admitted by the Japanese that the issue remains undecided and that desperate street fighting is taking place.

HOLD ON CHANGCHOW

At Changchow, the Japanese seem to have secured a firm foothold on the south-east corner of the town, but casualties have been exceedingly heavy, and the defen-

AIR RAID SYRENS FOR H.K. POLICE

In connection with local air raids precautions, it is understood that warning sirens are being fitted to Police motor cycles. This morning, at the Central Police station, traffic police were inspecting the portable sirens which will be carried by all combinations.

ders are resisting further progress with a reckless courage.

The Tashiro and Morizumi brigades reached the outskirts of Kiangyin at ten o'clock last night since when the action has settled down to street fighting with the Chinese launching violent counter-attacks as soon as Japanese infantry attacks have been halted.

HING ENTERED

A similar situation prevails at Hing, where Japanese troops forced their way into the town at 9 a.m. this morning, but have since been held up by machine-gun nests in the city streets.

In Anhwei, the Chinese have withdrawn to defence lines in front of Changteh and the forces

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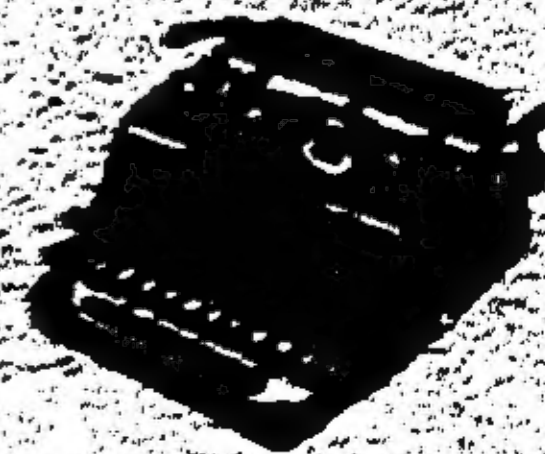
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Sometimes she feels she would have liked to scream at you. That's when you drift about the place fingering this and trying on that and in the end making her "take a swop."

Translated, that means you drift out of the shop empty-handed, mur-muring something about coming back another day.

She knows you never will, of course, and would much rather you said so.

But no.

You stand first on one foot. Then you stand on the other.

Then you put your head on one side and say well, really, you don't know. It might do, and then, again, it might not. What does she think?

She thinks you're a blessed nuisance and wishes you'd go.

She wants to attend to someone who does mean to buy something.

And she wishes you'd say out-right that you don't like anything the shop can show you. But—

She still smiles at you—but only because it's part of her job!

* * *

The girl who does your hair is at an even worse disadvantage.

She can't even make faces at your back because you'd see her through the mirror at your front.

You take photographs to her of exciting looking beauties with exotic

hair framing their faces.

"That's nice," you say. "Let's do mine like that."

It's an impossible job to make yours look anything like the picture. She knows it. She tries to tell you so.

But will you listen? No! You're paying, you think, and you'll have your own way. So she does it as you want it.

And when it's done and drying, you wriggle out of the drier, decide you don't like it, set up a terrific wail—and she has to do it all over again.

Such a pity it doesn't suit me, isn't it?" you say, as you settle back comfortably for her to start at the beginning again.

She's polite.

"Well—with your face, you know, madam, you do need something different."

That's what she says. But she doesn't mean what you think she means.

* * *

"Boy! Boy!"

There you go, yelling at the "boy" who serves you with your lunch, when you can see it is quite impossible for him to attend to you.

And when he does come with your food, before he is well away from you, you often say:—

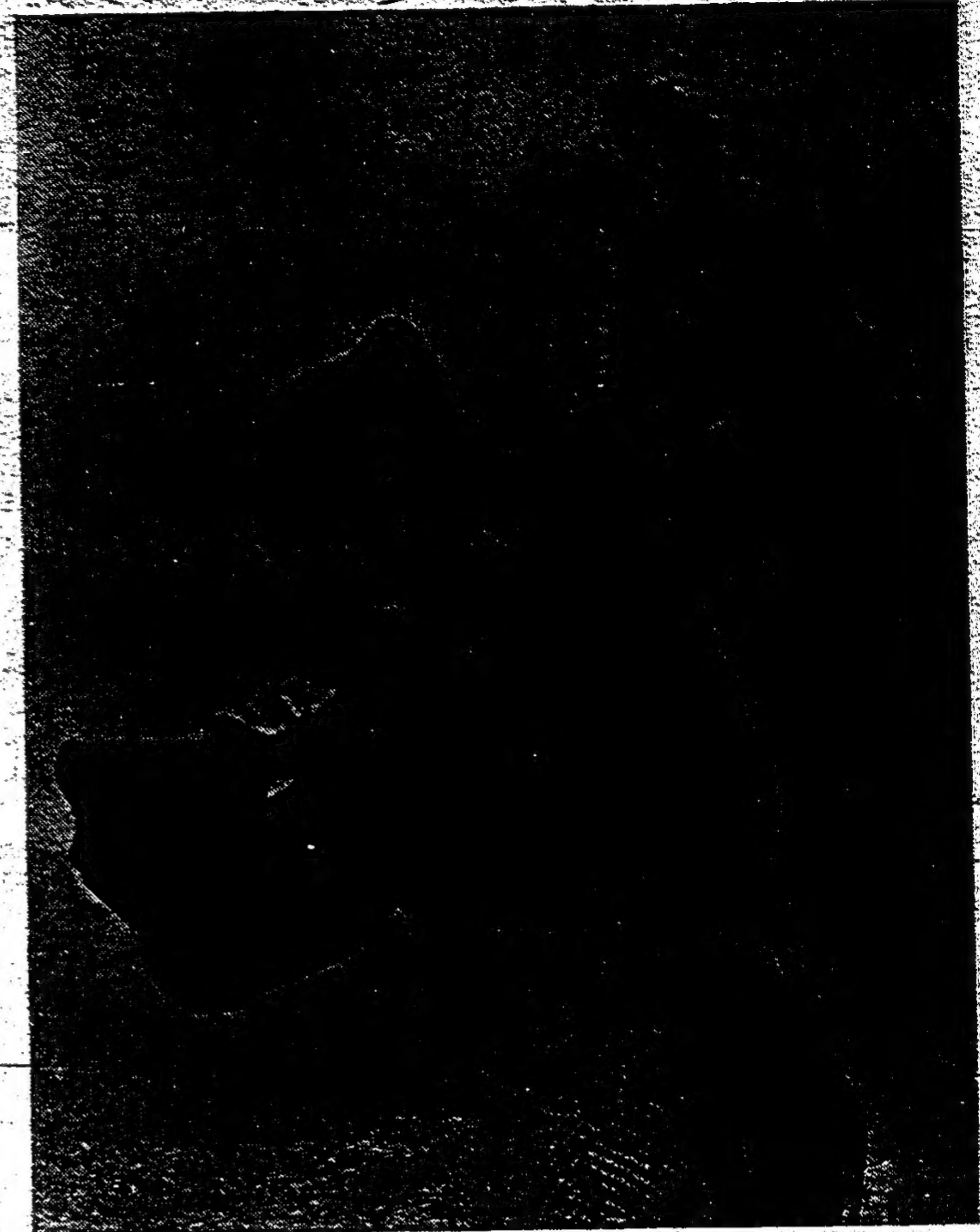
"That man's a fool—I can see it from his face."

Well—he knows he's forgotten the mustard—but that doesn't quite show mental deficiency.

And if he does seem a bit lack-ing at times, it's often because you're driving him that way.

Sometimes you fuss around and can't decide what you want to eat.

He has to wait while you take



The pheasant shooting season has opened in England, and this fair member of a Hertfordshire shooting party holds up her bag. (Fox Copyright).

five minutes to change your mind about five different things—and then order a salad.

And while you're jittering, there are voices from four other tables, shouting. "Boy, Boy!"

* * *

"The customer's always right," so—

The shopgirl can't answer you back when you're rude to her.

The hairdresser can't rub soap into your eyes when you waste her time and make her stay late.

The "boy" can't sling a plate of soup at you when you point to a flaw in the china, and say it's dirt—and look at him as though it's his fault.

But they can all think what they like—it's a good thing for your superiority complex that you're no thought-reader!

MARY KAYE.



BEEF EN CASSEROLE

- 2 cups cooked beef
 - 1 cup carrots
 - 1 green pepper
 - 8 small onions
 - 1 stalk celery
 - 1 cup canned tomatoes
 - 1 teaspoon salt
 - 1/4 teaspoon pepper
 - 1 cup stock
 - 1 1/2 cups potato balls
 - 2 tablespoons fat
 - 2 tablespoons flour
 - 1 cup cooked string beans
- Combine all ingredients (except fat, flour and beans) chopping vegetables. Cover, put in oven and bake 1 hour or till vegetables are tender. Add fat melted and browned with flour. Add beans and bake 15 minutes.

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Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra.
Cond. Clemens Krauss.
Overture "Cosi Fan Tutte".
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1 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.
1.03 p.m.—De Groot & His Orchestra with Walter Glynn (Tenor).
Erstes Walzer—Potpourri (Robrecht).
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The Valley Where Wishes Come True (Eatherley-Elliott).
A Dream of Paradise (Gray & Littleton). Walter Glynn.
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Local Weather Forecast and Announcements.
1.40 p.m.—Variety.
2.15 p.m.—Close down.
2.45 p.m.—European Programme.
3.05-11 p.m.—Chinese Programme.
3 p.m.—Relay of the Dance Orchestra from the Grill Room of the Hong Kong Hotel.
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6.45 p.m.—Elisabeth Schumann (Soprano).
The Little Sandman (Brahms).
Vogel Lied, Op. 41, No. 4 (Weingartner).
Caprice Viennois (Kreisler).
6.55 p.m.—New Symphony Orchestra & Norman Allin (Bass).
In Memoriam—Overture (Sullivan).
Orchestra.
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Think On Me (Lady John Scott—arr. Moffat).
Father O Flynn (Graves, arr. Villiers Stanford). Norman Allin.
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7.30 p.m.—Closing local Stock Quotations & Hong Kong Exchange Market Report.
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8.25 p.m.—Chausson—Poeme, Op. 25. Played by Georges Enesco (Violin) with Sanford Schlusel at the Piano.
8.43 p.m.—Richard Strauss—"Don Juan" (Tone Poem), Op. 20. Played by the London Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Fritz Busch.
9 p.m.—London Relay—Empire Exchange.
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9.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
9.50 p.m.—Paul Robeson (Bass).
My Way.
Golden River (film "Jericho"—Carr & Kennedy).
Jes' Mah Song (Strickland).
10 p.m.—Variety.
Orchestral—"On The Avenue"—Selection. Louis Levy & His Gaiety.
Vocal—Hildegard Looks Back. Hildegard.
Accordeon—Mimile's Valse (Baptiste-Alexander). Bijou Accordeon Orchestra with Yodelling and Whistling.
Comedian—The Old Oak Tree. Put It Down (Miller). Max Miller.
Orchestra w. Vocalists—"Crazy Days"—Selection (Byron Carter & Mayerl). The Shaftesbury Theatre Orchestra (Vocalists: M. Browne & F. Conyngham).
10.30 p.m.—Dance Music.
11 p.m.—Close down.

G.M.T.
8.15 a.m.—Big Ben. In Town To-night.
8.45 a.m.—The BBC Empire Orchestra.
9.35 a.m.—The News and Announcements. Greenwich Time Signal at 9.45 a.m.
9.55 a.m.—Long-distance Listening.
10.25 a.m.—Close down.

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1 p.m.—Empire Exchange.
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2.45 p.m.—Famous British Chorus.
3 p.m.—Green Fields and Pavements.
3.15 p.m.—Violoncello Recital by Gladys Corlett.
3.30 p.m.—In Town To-night.
4 p.m.—The News and Announcements. Greenwich Time Signal at 4.15 p.m.
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BRIDGE NOTES

By ELY CULBERTSON

Direct Slam Bidding

Perhaps the most fascinating feature of slam bidding is the fact that here versatility rather than pure orthodoxy comes into its own. (The further fact that successful slam bidding is highly beneficial to one's pocketbook is, of course, merely incidental!)

Obviously, the first prerequisite of this department of bidding is accurate hand valuation. But the correct route to a slam is at least as important as the knowledge that the combined values of two hands fall into the slam zone. In the Culbertson system, asking bids, the four-five no trump convention, and the five no trump grand slam force constitute three—sometimes separate, sometimes integrated—devices that work almost automatically. There never has been any intention on my part, however, to confine all slam bidding to hands into which these devices fit smoothly. Many hands occur in which only direct methods should be employed. The hand described below falls squarely into this category.

North, dealer.

North-South vulnerable.

NORTH
S—K Q 10
H—A Q 10 5 3 2
D—A 9 7 4
C—None
WEST
S—J 6 4 2
H—J 7
D—6 5
C—A 10 8 5 3
EAST
S—A 9 8 5 3
H—K 4
D—8
C—Q J 6 4 2
SOUTH
S—7
H—9 8 6
D—K Q J 10 3 2
C—K 9 7

The bidding:

North East South West
1 heart 1 spade 2 diamonds 2 spades
6 diamonds Pass Pass Pass

North's bidding is particularly worthy of comment. When South overcalled East's spade bid with two diamonds, it was immediately apparent to North that a slam was either cold or the next thing to it. The trump situation seemed excellent. Certainly, no more than one spade trick could be lost. This left only the heart suit to be considered. On that point North saw

every reason for optimism. First, there was the chance that South might hold a singleton heart; second, that he might have the king; third, that if he had two or three small hearts the finesse would work. There was a fourth chance even more persuasive, namely, that on the highly confident jump bid to six diamonds by North, the opening leader (West) would not dream of opening a heart and, hence, that a space trick could be established in the North hand for a heart discard before the heart ace was attacked. Most important of all from North's point of view, however, was the realization that the slam must be bid by direct methods, or not at all, since on his particular freak no slam device was comfortably available. That North's calculation of the many chances for the contract was accurate was attested by the actual development of the hand, upon the opening lead of the club ace by West.

Dummy ruffed and led a low diamond to the king. Declarer cashed the club king, discarding a heart from dummy, and ruffed his last club with the trump ace. Declarer had noted the fall of the trump eight from West and felt that there was a good chance of its being a singleton. At any rate, since dummy now was down to one trump a perfect strip could not be executed. So declarer had to be content with a partial strip (he had to leave one trump out and hope that it was in West's hand). The spade king now put East in a hopeless position. He could not afford to duck since he would undoubtedly lose his ace, so he won the trick but could not find a safe exit. A spade return up to the Q-10 would have afforded declarer two discards and a heart return from the king was unthinkable. Therefore East selected the least of all evils by exiting with a club. But this was just as satisfactory to the declarer. He discarded a heart from his own hand while ruffing with dummy's last trump. He then ruffed the ten of spades, drew West's remaining one spade, and crossing to the heart ace, discarded his remaining heart. On that point North saw

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BOTTLES WORTH TAIPO MURDER: MORE BROKEN THAN WHOLE! NEW SESSIONS TRIAL

Sentence of four weeks' imprisonment was imposed on Ho Yuk-mung, unemployed coolie, by Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistracy, when he pleaded guilty to the theft of four milk bottles belonging to the Dairy Farm Co.

Inspector Hallam said defendant was seen taking the bottles from the back door of a house in Moreton Terrace yesterday morning. He went to a vacant plot and there broke them.

Mr. Andrews, of the Dairy Farm Co., said that the price of broken glass had gone up from \$1.30 a picul to \$2.80 and it was profitable to break the bottles and sell them as broken glass.

Allegations that he was the actual murder of a Chinese widow, Li Kam-yin, who was strangled to death in her cubicle at No. 26, Wai Yan Street, Taipo on December 27 last, were made against 20-year-old Tang Ho-leung by Mr. E. H. Williams, Assistant Attorney General, at the Criminal Sessions this morning before the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor.

The accused was defended by the Hon. Mr. Leo D'Almada, instructed by Mr. C. D'Almada, of Messrs. Leo D'Almada and Company.

The jury empanelled were Messrs. J. F. Grose (Foreman), H. R. de Pinna, L. E. Rosario, J. L. Litton, Wong Kim-hoong, G. Pfeiber, and C. Leopoldt.

"VENUS" FIGURE OUT OF FAVOUR

K.C. ON CORSET-FITTING

Women and their waists were discussed in the Chancery Division when Mr. Justice Bennett had before him a dispute between two corset manufacturers.

"Your figure is as individual as your handwriting" was stated to be the slogan of one of the parties. Mr. Trevor Watson, K.C., remarked that the Venus de Milo's was not regarded by women nowadays as being the perfect feminine figure.

"They sometimes think they can improve on it," he said, "by putting the waist in a different place, or something of that sort. It is not a question of taking a woman with a bulging diaphragm and just fitting the corset exactly according to the measurements of that bulging diaphragm; it is rather a question of correcting nature to a certain extent by making the bulge less bulgy" (Laughter).

Mr. Justice Bennett: Is it fitting the lady to the corset or fitting the corset to the lady?

Mr. Watson: It is a mixture of both. A corset is a garment which has a certain amount of rigidity, and the art is to make it not only comfortable, but also capable of correcting these unfortunate lapses on the part of nature.

HUNGARIAN STATESMEN LEAVE GERMANY

Berlin, To-day.

After a week's stay in Berlin, the Hungarian Premier and Foreign Minister, left last night for Budapest.

The visiting statesmen were seen off by the Foreign Minister, Baron von Neurath, and a large crowd: Trans-Ocean.

FRESH; FAIR

The Royal Observatory reported this morning that an anticyclone of considerable intensity covers China, Japan and the neighbouring seas; pressure is highest to the north of the Yangtze Valley.

Local forecast: N. and N. E. winds fresh; fair.

CROWN CASE

The Assistant Attorney General alleged that accused attempted to borrow money from deceased but was unsuccessful. About a month before the crime, the deceased's son, Wong Wong-chi, and adopted son, Wong Fat-chi, visited accused at his residence in Hillwood Road. It was there, during a conversation, that accused told Wong that the deceased not only refused to lend him any money but also abused him for not paying debt incurred by his late father. He asked Wong Fat-chi to get someone to murder the deceased.

On December 26 at about 3 p.m., a fish carrier, Leung Shiu, saw accused alight from the train from Shum Chun in the company of other men. Accused visited Wong Fat-chi and after a long talk, they left the house.

Before 11 a.m., Wong Fat-chi returned to the house, but when the mui tsai wanted to bolt the door, he told her not to do so.

MIDNIGHT ENTRY

At about midnight a mui tsai heard the bolt being worked. Deceased also heard it and shouted out to Wong Fat-chi to see that the door was bolted.

That was the time, alleged the Crown, when Wong allowed accused access to the house.

At about 3 a.m., two mui tsais heard the sound of something being banged against the partition, but took no notice. They also heard a choking sound from the deceased's cubicle.

One mui tsai heard a voice say "Don't make a noise," which she was certain belonged to accused. She had known him for over 10 years and was sure the voice was his.

At 4.30 a.m., accused in the company of another man was seen by the fish carrier, Leung Shiu, hurrying in the direction of Shum Chun.

A few days later, Wong Fat-chi was arrested and was later found guilty of complicity in the crime, for which he was executed.

The case is continuing.

BOGUS ELECTRICIAN

Han Sang Fong, of No. 224, Nathan Road, has reported the loss of two wrist watches, valued at \$53, from her residence by a man who gained admittance by pretending he was an employee of the China Light and Power Co. Ltd. Mrs. C. Chesterman, of No. 37, Nathan Road, lost a wrist watch, valued at \$20, by the same ruse.

Handbag Snatched

Mrs. Stephens, residing at No. 115, Wongneicheong Road, has reported that when near the Yee Sang Fat store yesterday afternoon, her handbag containing money and jewellery to the value of \$35 was snatched from her by a Chinese.

TWO JAPANESE AIRMEN TAKEN PRISONERS

Canton, To-day.
Thirteen Japanese bombers, at 11 a.m. yesterday raided the Shih-cheng arsenal, the White Cloud aerodrome, the Tien Ho aerodrome, the National Sun Yat-sen University, the Canton branch of the Central Military Academy and industrial plants at Sai Chuen.

Because of ground fire, the attack on these points was swift and lasted only about ten minutes.

The Japanese inflicted no material damage on the military establishments. No bombs were dropped within city limits.

The body of one Japanese aviator and two other Japanese airmen were brought to Canton yesterday. Their machine was brought down at Tong Tau Ha on the Canton-Kowloon Railway during a recent raid. The three Japanese airmen survived the crash and it is alleged that when peasants went to the spot where the giant bomber fell, the Japanese fired revolver shots on the crowd, killing four of them.

Armed villagers returned the fire, killed one of the Japanese and caught the other two—International.

JAPAN FINDS PUPPET IN NORTH HONAN

Tokyo, To-day.
The northern part of Honan, occupied by the Japanese, has seceded from the Central Government, and has given itself autonomous status, says the Japanese press.

At a session held in Changteh, at which 5,000 representatives took part, General Hsiao Jui-chin, former subordinate of Marshal Wu Pei-fu, was elected Premier of the new Government.

Changteh has been selected as the temporary seat of the administration.—Trans-Ocean.

DIPLOMATS EXECUTED

Stockholm, Saturday.
Four Soviet diplomats who were recently recalled from their posts, have been executed in Moscow, according to a Stockholm newspaper.

The diplomats in question, the report asserts, were the former Ministers to Finland, Poland, Latvia and Lithuania.

The paper also says that the former Soviet military attache in London has been executed.—Trans-Ocean.

LULL ON TSINPU RAILWAY

Tsinan, To-day.
A lull is developing along the Tsinpu Railway front in northern Shantung following a brief exchange of artillery fire across the Yellow River yesterday.

The Chinese claimed to have destroyed a Japanese observation post by long range gunfire from the opposite bank.—Hua Nan.

ATTEMPT ON LIFE OF NAHAS PASHA

Cairo, To-day.

An unsuccessful attempt was made at 8.30 last night to assassinate the Egyptian Premier, Nahas Pasha.

The assailant fired four shots at the Premier's car as the latter was driving from his home at Heliopolis to attend a reception at Shubra.

The assailant, who was subsequently arrested, proved to be a youth named Izzedine Khader.

Clad in a green shirt, he leapt from the pavement into the road when the Premier's car was near the centre of Heliopolis.

TWO REVOLVERS

One shot hit the car two inches below the window where Nahas Pasha was sitting.

A policeman in a following car jumped out and captured the youth, administered him a black eye and conducted him to a police station, where he was found to possess two loaded revolvers.—Reuter.

GREEN SHIRT

Khader is not a member of the Green Shirts organisation but of the Green Shirts, which is an organisation of young Egyptians hostile to the Anglo-Egyptian Treaty.

Only 22 years old, Khader is a grandson of the late Arabi Pasha, leader of the 1882 Revolution.—Reuter.

MAJOR ATTLEE WARNED

London, Saturday.

Announcement that the leader of the Parliamentary Labour Party, Mr. C. R. Attlee, intends to pay a visit to Republican Spain, prompts the "Daily Mail" to express regret at his lack of discretion.

The paper says that as leader of the Opposition, Mr. Attlee holds a responsible and exposed position, and the visit is entirely incompatible with the British Government's official policy of neutrality.

The visit would not only be regarded as a lamentable mistake by the British people but would also produce an extremely unfavourable impression abroad.

"We should be careful to avoid anything that might allow suspicion that Britain intends to deviate from the policy of strict non-intervention in Spain," says the paper.—Trans-Ocean.

R.U.R. TO STAY HERE A WEEK

The Royal Ulster Rifles, after three months' duty in the Shanghai war zone, returned to the Colony this morning by the Troopship Dilwara and disembarked for transfer to the Barracks at Shamshuipo, previously occupied by the Royal Welch Fusiliers. They will embark again on the Dilwara on December 9 for India.

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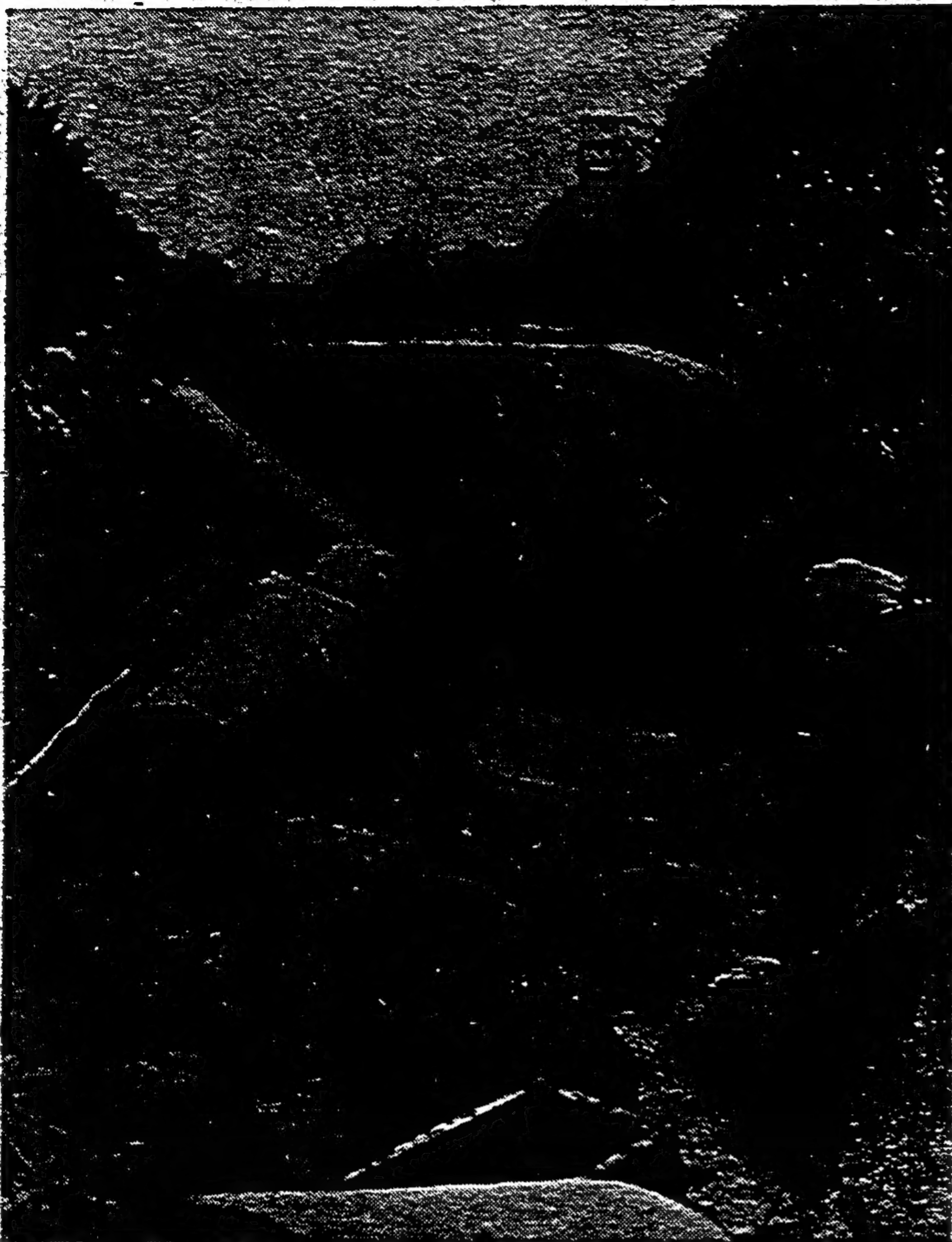
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PAIN OVERCOME IN MATERNITY

Device On View At Medical Exhibition

Between 5,000 and 6,000 doctors will examine the latest additions to their armoury against pain and disease, at the New Hall of the Royal Horticultural Society, Westminster, where the London Medical Exhibition has opened.

They will find an inexpensive apparatus, no bigger than a suitcase, which, it is claimed, has conquered the pain of child-birth.

The apparatus, which has the approval of the Central Midwives Board, is a means of administering "laughing-gas," nitrous oxide, in safe quantities to a patient, and creating a condition in which, without any loss of consciousness, the sense of pain is reduced almost to nothing.

It is already in use at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, London, after which it has been named.

It is claimed that no special skill is required for its use, once it has been set, and it may even be left at the patient's bedside, to be used as required.

Probably the most startling series of exhibits is concerned with "Aesthetic Prostheses," or cosmetic artificial features, for use in cases where surgery is unable to remedy a disfigurement. Realistic false noses, ears and eye-sockets, made of soft plastic material, are on exhibition.

"All artificial features are made to suit the individual patient," a demonstrator explained. "Each piece lasts for about three weeks without removal. The initial cost for an ar-

BRITISH WAR DEBT TALKS WITH AMERICA

Berlin, Saturday.

Commenting on rumours that a definite settlement of British war debts to the United States may be reached in connection with negotiations for a commercial agreement, the Cologne "Gazette" observes that any such settlement is impossible without the assent of Congress in Washington.

The paper says that the law granting the American President the right to conclude treaties of commerce, expressly excludes the right to make any concessions to foreign debtors of the United States.

Any offer made by foreign debtors must be laid before Congress.

TOKEN OFFER

The paper believes that Britain, as in 1933 and 1934, will in reply to the usual request made by the United States in December for the annual war debt instalment, agree to a token payment, thus signifying willingness, in principle, to meet her obligations.—Trans-Ocean.

Artificial ear is about 20 guineas, but after the first fitting, replacements cost only about 3s. each."

In photographs the artificial features can hardly be detected.

WAR LIKELY TO CONTINUE LONG AFTER NANKING OCCUPATION

Berlin, To-day.

The resistance of the Chinese armies is not broken, declared the Japanese military attache in Shanghai, Major-General Harada, to the correspondent of the "Berliner Tageblatt" in Shanghai yesterday.

The General added that even after occupation of Nanking by the Japanese, continuation of the war "would still be not only possible but probable."

He said that the Chinese had gained time owing to the Japanese advance having been delayed "by the tremendous difficulties of the terrain, which have held up transport of ammunition and supplies."

FORCES REGROUPED

Hence the Chinese had been able to bring up reserves and re-group their forces.

General Harada strongly criticised the attitude of General Chiang Kai-shek, and said that the Japanese army considered it impossible to regard him any longer as China's representative.

The Japanese army was prepared to wage the war to the bitter end.

SHANGHAI PESSIMISM

The Berlin paper's Shanghai correspondent adds that it is his personal impression that the Japanese army is not disposed to enter into negotiations, and concludes by saying that international circles in Shanghai view the situation pessimistically, since the danger of international complications is increasing daily.—Trans-Ocean.

DIFFICULTIES IN NORTH CHINA

Tientsin, To-day.

Activity of Chinese guerillas, who are threatening all Japanese lines of communication, is admitted to have developed into an increasingly serious problem.

A Japanese spokesman said this morning that there is unlikely to be any large-scale operation in North China until the Chinese guerillas have been mastered.—Our Own Correspondent.

NEW RECORD IN GLIDER

Berlin, Saturday.

A new world record for gliding was established to-day by Ernst Jachtmann with a two-seater machine of novel design.

Jachtmann, who started from the coast on a flight over the North Sea, remained in the air for 14 hours 3 minutes, thus beating the previous record of 9 hours.—Trans-Ocean.

LITVINOFF SAYS SOVIET RELIES ON OWN STRENGTH

Leningrad, To-day.

Although faithful to the ideals of the League and collective security, the Soviet relies on her own forces, and is ready to defeat any enemy, declared the Foreign Commissar, M. Maxim Litvinoff, in a speech to an election audience in Leningrad, where he is nominee for the Supreme Council of the Soviet.

M. Litvinoff's speech bristled with ironic references to the Brussels Conference, and to the weakness of democratic countries.

EXHAUSTED ECONOMICALLY

He concluded by stating that the fighting forces of the aggressor countries were united in order to bombard the Comintern, but the aggressors were so exhausted economically by the cost of preparing war, that they cannot decide upon a long war and therefore seek the line of least resistance.

"We and they know that this line cannot reach our borders."

The defensive capacity of the Soviet does not depend on international combinations but on the unceasing growth of the might of the Red Army's fighting forces.—Reuter.

SAFETY ZONE IN NANKING NOT LIKELY

Shanghai, To-day.

Questioned about the proposed safety zone in Nanking, a Japanese Embassy spokesman said that Gen. Tang Sheng-chi's "defence at any price" statement was "rather discouraging."

The question of isolating Hangchow from warfare was unsettled, and it remained up to the Chinese to demilitarise the area.—Reuter.

FRENCH DISCUSSIONS CAUSE CONCERN IN EAST

Evolution Of Entire International Situation

MR. CHAMBERLAIN AND EDEN IN CONSULTATION

London, To-day.

One of the main points in the forthcoming Anglo-French discussions, to which British circles attach capital importance, will be the endeavour to bring the Berlin-Rome axis nearer to the Franco-British relationship, Reuter learns.

The highest authorities emphasise that the meeting will not be the occasion for announcing any change in the fundamentals of British policy, nor will the French be asked to amend their policy, for example, her policy affecting the Franco-Soviet Pact.

London is gratified that Germany well understands the reasons for the Franco-British meeting, and as Britain does not desire to influence the Rome-Berlin axis, so Germany is not attempting to modify the Franco-British special relationship.

In endeavouring to lessen the gulf between the two sections, there is no question of acting at the expense of any other party. Such a scheme was never suggested, nor would the British entertain it.

NO CLAIMS

Germany has not advanced claim for a plebiscite in Austria, or modification of the regime in Czechoslovakia.

Notable Anglo-German divergencies exist, however, on colonial problems.

Britain acknowledges the colonial problem but considers that it concerns France, Belgium and the three Dominions as well as herself.

This question will be included in the Anglo-French talks.

SPANISH WAR

The Anglo-French talks would have been necessary apart from the Halifax trip to Berlin, and will provide an opportunity to examine other important questions, for example the Spanish situation, which is considered in London less acute than at any time in the last eighteen months, notably because there is less enthusiasm for intervention, but it is a mistake to think the war will end soon, and as long as it lasts, Spain and the Mediterranean will offer problems demanding Franco-British consultation.

Although the European situation remains difficult and anxious, the threat of war is held to be not immediate, if it exists at all, and thereby diplomacy is offered the chance of reducing the international temperature.

FAR EAST

The second important subject is the Far East, where great interests are involved and the position is serious.

Britain and France are directly involved through the International Settlement, the French Concession, and the colonies of Hong Kong and Indo-China, which should provide a common basis for examination of the problem.

Broadly speaking, the British aim will be to work closely with the United States, and representations on similar lines have already been made in Tokyo by France, the United States and Britain.

TALK LAST NIGHT

Mr. Anthony Eden and Mr. Neville Chamberlain had a preliminary talk last night about the week's programme of talks, at which Lord Halifax will frequently participate. —Reuter.

PARIS ON THE SITUATION

Paris, To-day.

Informed quarters in Paris state that no official communique has been received by the Quai d'Orsay from Downing Street on the Hitler-Halifax talks, and that the London conversations will therefore not be planned minutely beforehand.

The conversations, however, will prove the solidarity of the two countries, and will furnish the occasion for impartial examination of the entire European situation.

COMING TOUR

Although the subsequent visit of the French Foreign Minister to Warsaw and the capitals of the Little Entente countries will only be indirectly connected with the Chautemps-Delbos London visit, the journey in question is enhanced by reason of that visit.

It is stated that during the Brussels Conference, M. Delbos informed Mr. Eden of his intentions in connection with his journey to Eastern and Central Europe.

CEMENTING FRIENDSHIPS

It is also stated that though M. Delbos will not conclude any new pacts, he will make a number of proposals relating to development of economic, financial and cultural relations between France and the countries visited by him.

Britain, it is stressed, is in full agreement with this French policy. —Trans-Ocean.

MINISTERS ARRIVE

London, To-day.

M. Camille Chautemps and M. Yvon Delbos arrived from Paris at 11.07 last night. —Reuter.

EXPERTS ACCOMPANY MINISTERS

Paris, To-day.

The French Premier and Foreign Minister left Paris at 4.30 yesterday afternoon for London, accompanied by the general secretary of the Quai d'Orsay, M. Alex Leger, the director of the political and economic section of the Foreign Office, M. Massigli, and many chiefs of staff of the departments of both Ministers. —Trans-Ocean.

REBEL WARNING TO SPANISH SHIPPING

Salamanca, To-day.

A decree issued by the Spanish Nationalist naval authorities, and addressed to foreign shipping in general, says that owing to rigorous execution of the blockade of Mediterranean ports in possession of the Spanish Government, ships of all nations are forbidden to call at these ports at the island of Minorca.

At the same time, the neutrality of the zones of Valencia and Barcelona, which has been maintained hitherto, is now at an end.

All vessels attempting to enter these ports from now on are therefore liable to be fired upon without warning. —Trans-Ocean.

FREEMASONRY PLEBISCITE IN SWITZERLAND

Basle, To-day.

A plebiscite held throughout Switzerland yesterday to decide whether or not Freemasons and similar associations should be forbidden, resulted in the proposal being rejected, 515,000 votes being recorded against a ban and 234,000 for.

In cantons taken separately, 21 rejected the motion and only one passed in favour, namely, Freiburg. —Trans-Ocean.

NO EVACUATION OF MADRID

Paris, To-day.

Reports from Barcelona, published in "Le Petit Journal" state that evacuation of Madrid by the civil population has been suspended by decree.

Officially this measure is declared to be necessitated by plans for the future campaign against the Nationalists.

The paper says, however, that it believes the real reason is shortage of fuel for motor transport, while the population also would prefer to remain in the old capital. —Trans-Ocean.

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JUDGING by the popularity of printed matter on the subject this seems to be an age which is greatly interested in stars, but we should be flattered ourselves unduly if we assumed that all the inquirers were content to sit at the feet of acknowledged authorities and hopelessly like Eddington and Jeans. Far more of them seem to be satisfied with soothsayers, astrologers, and the modern equivalent of wizards that peep and that mutter; "Twinkle, twinkle, little star" lures them back to the Middle Ages and the somewhat dubious proposition that the planets above influence the personal details of lives below. There is now in existence a whole weekly paper devoted to horoscopes and astrology, and a copy of it lately came my way. I find myself less impressed by its contents than by the significant fact that there should be a call for it. Where the star-gazers of yesterday were content with the various editions of Old Moore, whose usually ominous constellations twinkled for them only once a year, the horoscopically-minded of to-day demand their dose in weekly doses. Appetite comes with eating, and some of us advance with more decision than ever backwards into the Dark Ages.

But not, I should say, with any resulting increase of self-content. They seem a fussy lot, those stars, if one may judge from many of the pages of this new weekly. Look up at them on a clear night and they are apt to chasten and subdue by the prospect of the prodigious and the remote. Look down on them in these pages and, while they are certainly more personal, they are undeniably more pettifogging. I call it impertinence, for example, to be told that because you were born between March 21 and April 20, and therefore come under the zodiacal influence of Aries, "onions on no account should be eaten." I suspect self-interest is at work in the Zodiac; Aries, which means, I believe, the Ram, must be trying to protect his earthly offspring from that last calamity of roast mutton and onion sauce. It seems a motive unworthy of the heavenly heights; but note in what absolute and unqualified terms the prohibition is presented. Was it by conspiracy with Taurus the Bull that steak and onions were also ruled out by the Ram? But onion soup goes, too, and Lyonnaise potatoes and omelets, pickled onions, and even the fierce but simple spring variety. Preposterous, I call it; I shall write to the Wine and Food Society about this embargo from astrology on the kitchen's best and most beautiful bulb. But there it is; for all time and in all forms the dutiful star-gazer (being born between March 21 and April 20) is off his onion.

But in large things as well as small the stars, it appears, are apt to be discouraging:

Astrology finds no great cause for immediate comfort in the contemplation of Saturn's present position.

Why drag in Saturn? With or without any influences from that undoubtedly detached observer (even better fitted by circumstance than the United States to fulfil a position of splendid isolation) many of us "find no great cause for immediate comfort" in the world that frowns forth at us from the headlines of the morning paper. And on the score of general probability it seems something less daring than a good guess to an-

nounce that in the matter of "many unenviable accidents and discomforts" the "position will be fully attained next February." It usually is; as any English winter wears to its exasperating close life is only too apt to seem a bit hipped and hopeless. And the stars in their courses do not add anything to that subject which could not have been rationally foreseen.

Such a state of things, if it does nothing worse, promises a

likely to be irritated by someone day thrusting upon you an annoying fortune-telling little fact which you had no wish to recognise.

Such, for instance, as the lamentable necessity for beginning another week's work; many a man has noticed that distressing characteristic of Monday, though without associating it with Saturn or any other heavenly body. But astrologers, I observe with some surprise, know all about Monday, and

By G. P.

(in the "Manchester Guardian")

winter of aggravated colds and chills, with a likelihood of an influenza epidemic on a grand scale.

Why not add that from now until the end of April Saturdays will see much interest in Association football, that the Manchester November Handicap will probably be won by an animal with four legs, and that the third week in December is likely to bring a great increase in the amount of business transacted by the Post Office?

No—except when they are offering quite unexpected advice about onions, the fault of the stars seems to be a tendency to twinkle into the obvious:

Monday is a day when you are

and are exceedingly ready to write it off as a day on which one should not expect too much from men or stars:

Taking Chances.—Let Sunday guide you as to this. If a bright idea occurs to you then it is probably worth trying out, preferably choosing either Wednesday or Friday as the day for putting it into execution.

Or again:

You will do well to make no important appointment for Monday evening and to discount any feeling of frustration and depression. By mid-week the horizon will have cleared.

Or yet again:

The trine of the Moon on Wednes-

Or more briefly (but with a further device on "avoiding" experiments in food and cookery)—which seems to be harking back to that onion embargo): Rest from entertaining until mid-week.

To any dutiful follower of the stars Monday's name is evidently mud in all sorts of ways. But what a remarkable and unexpected talent for procrastination the stars in their courses, or rather their advices, display! Curious that constellations whose own movements are so incorrigibly precise that astronomers can work them out for thousands of years ahead should be so ready to counsel rank shiftlessness on the part of human beings.

And the human beings concerned will they be any happier and more content when they have cast their destiny and responsibilities on the stars? Somebody does not think so, and that somebody is the advertisers in this new periodical. How diligently they angle for the fears and frailties of mankind—"Be Taller"; "Smoking Habit Conquered or Money Back"; "Are You Afraid of People, Marriage, Life? Do You Suffer from Nervousness, Shyness, Inferiority Complex?"; "Glands and Sex"; "Remould Your

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JAPANESE ATTITUDE ON SEIZURE OF CUSTOMS

Powers Not Interested In "The First Phase"

DUE CONSIDERATION TO ALL RIGHTS LATER

Shanghai, To-day.

A representative of the Japanese Embassy, at the daily press conference yesterday, took exception to the objections raised by several foreign powers to the Japanese claim to control the Shanghai Customs administration.

The Embassy official declared that the Japanese authorities would gladly take into account foreign interests in connection with pledged Customs receipts, to assure payment of the Chinese debt service, but that it must not be overlooked that the Customs administration was an organ of the Chinese Government.

In negotiations on placing of the Chinese Customs administration under Japanese supervision, only China and Japan were primarily interested.

The question of safeguarding of international interests could only be considered in the secondary stage of the negotiations.—Trans-Ocean.

ONLY FIRST PHASE

Shanghai, To-day.

Questioned about British and American representations regarding the Chinese Customs, a Japanese Embassy spokesman yesterday said that steps being taken by the Japanese constituted only the first phase, namely, assumption of control.

In so far as the Customs represented a Chinese Government agency, he contended, none could object to this action.

DUE CONSIDERATION

He declared the question had not yet entered the second phase, namely, the international character of the Customs as a source of revenue for amortisation of foreign loans.

He gave the assurance, however, that due consideration would be given to the interests of the powers concerned.—Reuter.

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KIANGYIN IN DANGER OF ISOLATION

Nanking, To-day.

After abandoning Wusih and Changhing, the Chinese forces are consolidating their positions along a new line from Kiangyin via Shih-tangwan to Ihing and thence to Kwangteh.

The Chinese are preparing for a great effort to maintain this line against the Japanese pressure as the collapse would mean that Kiangyin would be immediately faced with the danger of being isolated rendering the defence useless.

A large force of Japanese troops advancing westward from Wusih along the Nanking-Shanghai Railway yesterday came into conflict with the Chinese at Shih-tangwan, where after hand-to-hand fighting the invaders retired. Later they separated into small units and harassed the Chinese positions. Severe fighting is still in progress.—Hua Nan.

JAPANESE INTERFERE WITH FIREMEN

The residence of Dr. and Mrs. W. E. O'Hara at 650 Great Western Road in Shanghai was badly damaged in a fire last Wednesday afternoon. Two machines from the Bubbling Well Station, proceeding to the scene in response to an alarm raised by a messenger, were prevented from functioning by Japanese soldiers at about 5 p.m.

Occupying three mow of land, the residence was completed last year at a cost of \$50,000, and it is believed, was not insured. The house was vacated prior to the hostilities, although fittings and some furnishings were left in it. The locality is now under Japanese military occupation.

SEVERN LEIGH APPEAL

Leave to appeal to the Privy Council, in the Severn Leigh case, was granted by Sir Atholl MacGregor and Mr. J. A. Fraser, on the application of Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C. this morning.

The Chief Justice stated that the full security of \$5,000 must be lodged and the appeal made within three months.

DIPLOMATS INVOLVED IN SOVIET PURGE

Berlin, To-day.

The "Voelkischer Beobachter" makes the allegation that the Soviet Minister in Prague, M. Alexandrovsky, is the latest Russian diplomat to fall a victim to the "purge."

The Minister, says the report, has been recalled to Moscow, where he is now under arrest.

Similar action has been taken against the Soviet Minister in Vienna, alleges the paper.—Trans-Ocean.

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Life; You Can Be Brilliantly, Excitingly Alive!"; alternatively, though on a rather humbler plane, you can add a bit to your income by "Envelope Addressing and the Dispatching of Circulars, etc., etc. Materials Supplied Free." Poor old star-gazers! the advertiser (who, when it comes to estimating an audience and an appeal, is much more often "always right" than the customer) hardly seems to think that horoscopes go hand in hand with happiness. I am inclined to agree with him. If you must go star-gazing, give me (apart from the serious and exciting exercises of astronomy) the "beautiful pea-green boat" tradition:

The Owl looked up to the stars above,
And sang to a small guitar,
"O lovely Pussy! O Pussy, my love,
What a beautiful Pussy you are,
You are, you are!"

What a beautiful Pussy you are!"
If you must have nonsense associated with the stellar regions, for true comfort and consolation give me the Edward Lear variety every time.

The R.M.S. "Empress of Asia" is due at Hong Kong on Wednesday at 8.00 a.m. and leaves for Manila on the same day at 10.00 p.m.

ALL QUIET ON EDUCATIONAL FRONT

Vienna, Saturday.

Disturbances by students at various Austrian universities, which originated in protests by medical students against prolongation of their period of study, have come to an end after certain concessions had been made, and all is now quiet on the educational front.

It is stated that the period of military service will henceforth be taken into account, with a resultant shortening of duration of studies.—Trans-Ocean.

SWEARING IS AN OLD FRENCH CUSTOM

Trial by swearing, an old French form of justice instituted by Napoleon, was used in a Paris court when Mrs. Barbara Vanderbilt was sued for \$637 by Bendel, a New York shop, for goods bought in 1928.

The Judge, M. Rossignol, addressed her and said: "All you have to do is to swear that you have paid this bill."

Mrs. Vanderbilt replied: "I swear it."

The Court's verdict will be given.

V.C. GENERAL MEETS HIS OLD CORPORAL

Immediately after the Trooping of the Colour ceremony by the Royal Marines Plymouth Division in commemoration of the Battle of Trafalgar, sixty-one-year-old ex-Corporal Charles Harries stepped up to the saluting base and shook hands with General Sir Lewis Halliday.

Mr. Harries, a native of Carmarthen, served under the General, then Captain Halliday, during the Boxer rising in China.

Captain and corporal had not met for thirty-five years, and as General and unemployed tram driver they stood chatting for several minutes of how they had fared in the meantime.

The Boxer rising had brought the captain the Victoria Cross, which heralded a brilliant career in the Royal Marines, but to the corporal it had brought only a bullet wound that resulted in his being invalided from the Service.

The J.C.J.L. steamer Tjisadak is sailing to-morrow at 11 a.m. for Batavia via Muntok. The J.C.J.L. steamer Tjinegara is leaving at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, December 14 for Bali and Java via Manila and Makassar.

Lea Chuen, aged 16, was admitted to the Kowloon Hospital suffering from injuries when he was knocked down by car No. 2314 driven by Mr. G. James, near Mody Road.

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Hong Kong, Monday, Nov. 29, 1937

SHANGHAI THE CRUCIAL TEST

You may strike at Britain's
pride with impunity, at least for
a while, but it is unsafe to med-
dle with Britain's pocket. There
speaks the cynic in reference to
the situation now developing
rapidly as a result of the Japan-
ese threat to seize control of the
International Settlement and the
Chinese Maritime Customs, and
how close it approximates to the
truth may be judged best, per-
haps, from the new vigour to be
noticed in the official attitude, so
soon after the helpless hopeless-
ness of acquiescence in the Brus-
sels failure.

Shanghai bids fair to provide
the crucial test of international
relationships in the Far East.
The flimsy pretexts upon which
Japan claims the right of dras-
tic action in the International
Settlement, "the application of
force, if necessary," in the ab-
sence of ready obedience to Jap-
anese wishes, can have only one
meaning, that Japan, casting off
the cloak of pretence is openly
pursuing the policy of China for
the Japanese Prince Konoye, on
Saturday, with but the thinnest
veneer of diplomatic language,
announced the plan of campaign.
Puppet administrations, with
Japanese "advisers" in all key ap-
pointments, ultimately to be weld-
ed into a single whole. Japan-
ese military activities to be con-
tinued until, assuming they work
out nicely to programme, more
than half China is under puppet
administration, when it will be
officially recognised by Japan as
the true central government of
China. Brutal in audacity, the
programme is obvious in all its
implications. The development of

the policy behind it, wholly
economic in tendency, demands
the elimination of every other
foreign influence from China.
China's trade is to be Japan's
trade, and there is to be none
other without Japanese approval
and consent. It so happens that
Shanghai offers, under the pre-
sent abnormal conditions, and
with the encouragement of Brus-
sels, the opportunity for deliver-
ing the most damaging blow at
the outset of the campaign.

Fortunately, no matter what
may be the impelling motives
behind the stir created in Lon-
don, Paris and Washington, there
is no fear that the danger will
be minimised. Britain's warning
to Japan that she demands the
right of consultation in any varia-
tion of the Customs administra-
tion, has been followed by similar
demarches by Mr. Cordell Hull
and M. Delbos through their res-
pective Ambassadors in Tokyo.
The threat of seizure of the Set-
tlement has kept the diplomatic
wires humming between London
and Paris and Washington, and a
common diplomatic front is as-
sured. Apprehension has, in a
few hours, achieved more than
ethical values deteriorated into
academic discussion, could do in
the same number of weeks. If
indeed, that were the end of the
matter, we could rest well con-
tent. Tokyo's present-day mood,
however, is not to be ignored, and
the difficulties exposed at Brus-
sels are not necessarily removed
by the development of a new
crisis. If Britain's mind seems
to be fully made up, there re-
mains a grave doubt whether an
unfavourable Japanese response
can be appropriately handled
without the fullest co-operation
from the United States. Advices
from Washington on this point
are not reassuring. A protest has
been sent to Tokyo, but it is not
known what action, if any, the
United States is prepared to take
on receipt of a further Japanese
snub. An unsympathetic Con-
gress continues to insult the in-
telligence of America's leaders.
In all this remarkable situation,
meantime, China's position seems
to be that of a vague sort of
spectator, undoubtedly there, but
inconspicuous. It is a position,
too, which she probably wel-
comes, for in the final outcome of
it all, whatever the immediate
result of collision, we doubt she
can be the sufferer.

An Eighth Century Bible

At a recent meeting of the
Friends of the National Librar-
ies their chairman, Sir Frederic
Kenyon, was able to delight those
present by announcing the com-
pletion of an enterprise which
has been much in their minds
during the past year. This was
the purchase for the British
Museum of eleven leaves of a
copy of the Vulgate, one of three
which were written about 715 at
the joint monasteries of Wear-
mouth and Jarrow. One of them
was presented to the Pope of
that time. It is the Codex Amia-
tinus V, now in the Laurentian
Library at Florence. The other
two have disappeared, but a leaf
of one of them was found at New-
castle some years ago and ac-
quired for the British Museum.
Then another eleven leaves came
to light, serving as wrappers for
some estate accounts and other
documents.

JAPANESE SET WUHU AS NEW OBJECTIVE

Striking Across Country Into Anhwei Province

CHINESE LINES GIVING GROUND SLOWLY KIANGYIN DEFENCE STILL HOLDING

Shanghai, To-day.

Japanese military operations in the Yangtse delta were extended to a third province to-day, the 108th day of the Shanghai war, when the forces striking out towards Wuhu, crossed the Chekiang border into Anhwei.

Immediate objective of the Japanese is Kwangteh, 85 miles from Wuhu.

Meanwhile, according to an official communique, the Japanese vanguard is pressing on steadily, and is now approaching Changchow, 70 miles from Nanking.—Reuter.

CHINESE BRING DOWN CRACK NIPPON FLIER

Shanghai, To-day.

According to a Japanese report, three crack naval fliers perished in flames on Saturday in the course of a daring raid on the Chinese positions at Kintan, south of Changchow, on the Shanghai-Nanking Railway.

The plane, which was piloted by one of the best Japanese naval fliers, Sub-Lt. Tanaka, had just dropped a bomb and was preparing to go into another power dive when the gasoline tank was hit by an A.A. shell.

Enveloped in flames, the plane crashed into the Chinese positions, killing the three occupants.

The report states that the fliers' death was avenged by the squadron of planes to which the machine belonged, which demolished the A.A. battery and heavily damaged the Chinese entrenchments.—Reuter.

"RICE PATROL" IN SHANGHAI

Shanghai, To-day.

The Salvation Army has innovated a new method of refugee relief work by a "rice patrol" which is carried out by a special bus loaded with steaming rice which is kept hot in wooden buckets.

The patrol makes nightly rounds of streets where refugees live, and hand out rice in special paper bags.

The patrol serve the double purpose of feeding refugees and also discovering numbers of homeless for whom the Army hopes eventually to make accommodation arrangements in refugee camps.—Reuter.

Chinese quarters here finally admit the capture of Wusih by the Japanese.

It is stated that Wusih's fall followed several days of street fighting within the city, during which period the Japanese suffered enormous losses in troops.

NEW LINES

The Chinese forces have retired to the prepared defence line west of Wusih, where re-inforcements from Nanking are continually arriving.

The Japanese are now reported to be attacking the Chinese troops, who halted at Shihtangwan and Wanglin. The battle, which started yesterday morning, is still going on.

Japanese planes are bombing the Chinese line from Kiangyin to the area west of Changhing, the troops retiring from Wusih bearing the brunt of the air-raids.

KIANGYIN STILL DEFIANT

The Chinese troops defending east of Kiangyin are still holding their positions in the Changshan Hills.

The Nanking-Hangchow-Liyang motor road was badly damaged yesterday evening when nine Japanese planes emptied their bomb racks on the highway, with the object of severing the means of supplies from Nanking to Iking, on which the Japanese forces, which occupied Changhing, are advancing.

Another Chinese report states that Kwangteh was bombed yesterday, but this could not be confirmed. A Japanese report states that their troops are within striking distance of Kwangteh.—Our Own Correspondent.

JAPANESE RETIRE IN SHANSI

Linfan (Shansi), To-day.

Japanese troops pushing south from Taiyuan are finding great difficulty in maintaining their lines of communication owing to the activities of Chinese guerillas.

According to an official communique, the main body of the Japanese are retiring and the Chinese have recovered Chaihsin, while another force is advancing toward Pingyao.—Hua Nan.

CROYDON TYPHOID EPIDEMIC

London, To-day.

The typhoid epidemic in Croydon is constantly increasing, in spite of all measures to combat it. Up to Saturday afternoon, eleven additional cases were reported, and ten have died from the disease.—Trans-Ocean.

SEIZURE OF RIVER CRAFT BY JAPANESE

Shanghai, To-day.

A number of small junks, with their Chinese crews, in Soochow Creek were seized by Japanese motor launches manned by military.

The launches went up the Creek and seized the junks which they towed into the Whangpoo.

It is understood the Chinese crews and their families were given food while working for the Japanese.

As a result of the seizures, numerous houseboats barges,

CHINESE WALK OUT WHEN JAPANESE TAKE OVER

Shanghai, To-day.

The Japanese authorities have assumed control of the Chinese telegraph and wireless administration in Shanghai, have taken over all branches and instituted their own censorship.

Most of the Chinese employees walked out, with the result that both telegraph and wireless services have been disrupted.

The Japanese have also taken over censorship of Chinese newspapers in Shanghai, a function hitherto exercised by officials appointed by the Kuomintang.

So far, there has been no interference with the foreign cable companies, from whose offices Chinese censors voluntarily withdrew last week.—Reuter.

junks and other craft moored in Soochow Creek at present are flying foreign flags.—Reuter.

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The famous windjammer Herzogin Cecile, once the pride of the sailing fraternity, is now a battered hulk, still pounded by the seas on the rocks at Salcombe, South Devon, where she met with disaster. A local firm of metal merchants is breaking her up to salvage the timber and metal. Photo shows — With decks awash, the Herzogin Cecile presents a sorry sight to-day. (Fox Copyright).



The Aga Khan (left) snapped at the Races in Berlin. On right is the Moslem leader's wife.

General Goering To Re-Model Schacht Ministry

Berlin, To-day.

There will be no further changes in the German Cabinet following the resignation of the Economics Minister, Dr. Hjalmar Schacht.

THE PURPOSE OF THE TAKING OVER OF THE ECONOMICS MINISTRY UNTIL JANUARY 15 BY GENERAL GOERING IS TO BUILD UP A NEW MINISTRY, BOTH AS REGARDS STAFF AND ACTIVITIES, IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOUR-YEAR PLAN, OF WHICH GENERAL GOERING IS HEAD.

Dr. Schacht on Saturday sent a circular letter to his colleagues in the Ministry, thanking them for their co-operation.

Dr. Schacht told them they had all contributed to help Herr Hitler, with a strong army at his back, free Germany from the degrading terms of the Versailles Treaty.—Trans-Ocean.

174 M.P.H. ON MOTOR-CYCLE: GERMAN RECORD

Frankfurt-on-Main, To-day.

Once again does Germany hold the world motor-cycle speed record.

Yesterday, Ernst Henne, on his 500 c.c. B.M.W., in the course of two hours, put up twelve new world records for the kilometre, mile, five kilometres and five miles with a flying start, breaking the records previously held by Italy and England.

Over one kilometre, Henne reached 279.503 kilometres an hour; over the mile, 276.281 k.p.h. — Trans-Ocean.

BERLIN HUNTING EXPEDITION

Berlin, To-day.

The International Hunting Exhibition at which more than 30 nations participated, closed its doors last night.

Over 450,000 has visited the Exhibition in three weeks.—Trans-Ocean.

PALESTINE DISTURBANCES CONTINUE

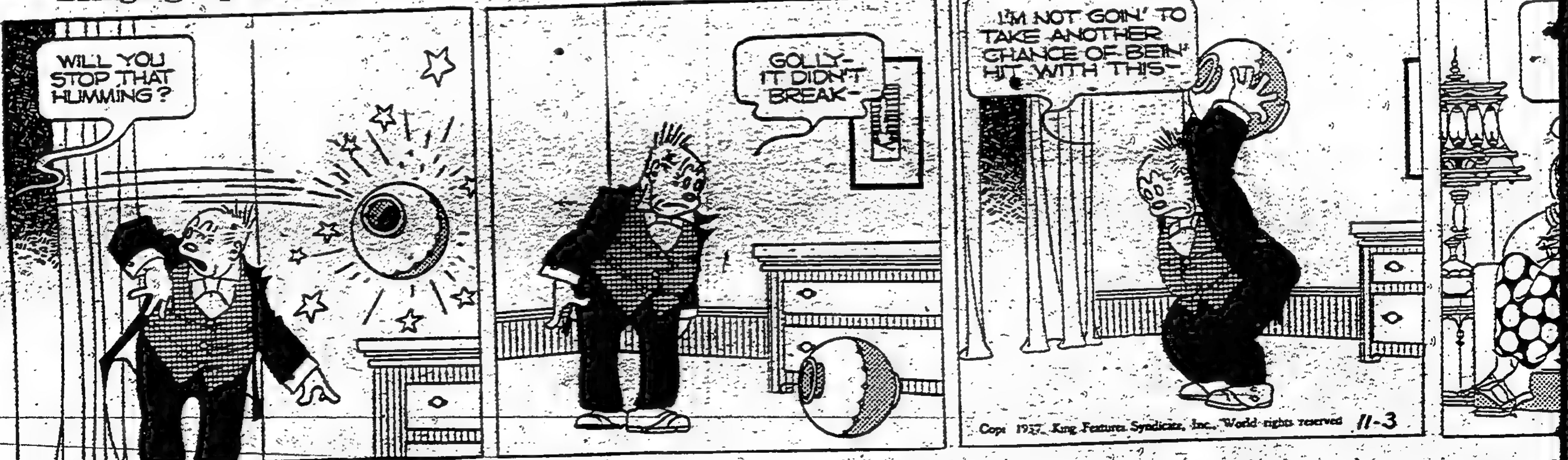
Jerusalem, To-day.

In spite of carrying out of the first death sentence pronounced in accordance with measures for suppression of disorders in Palestine, a number of incidents occurred in Jerusalem over the weekend, particularly in the Nablus quarter.

Two bombs were thrown by unknown persons, four being wounded.

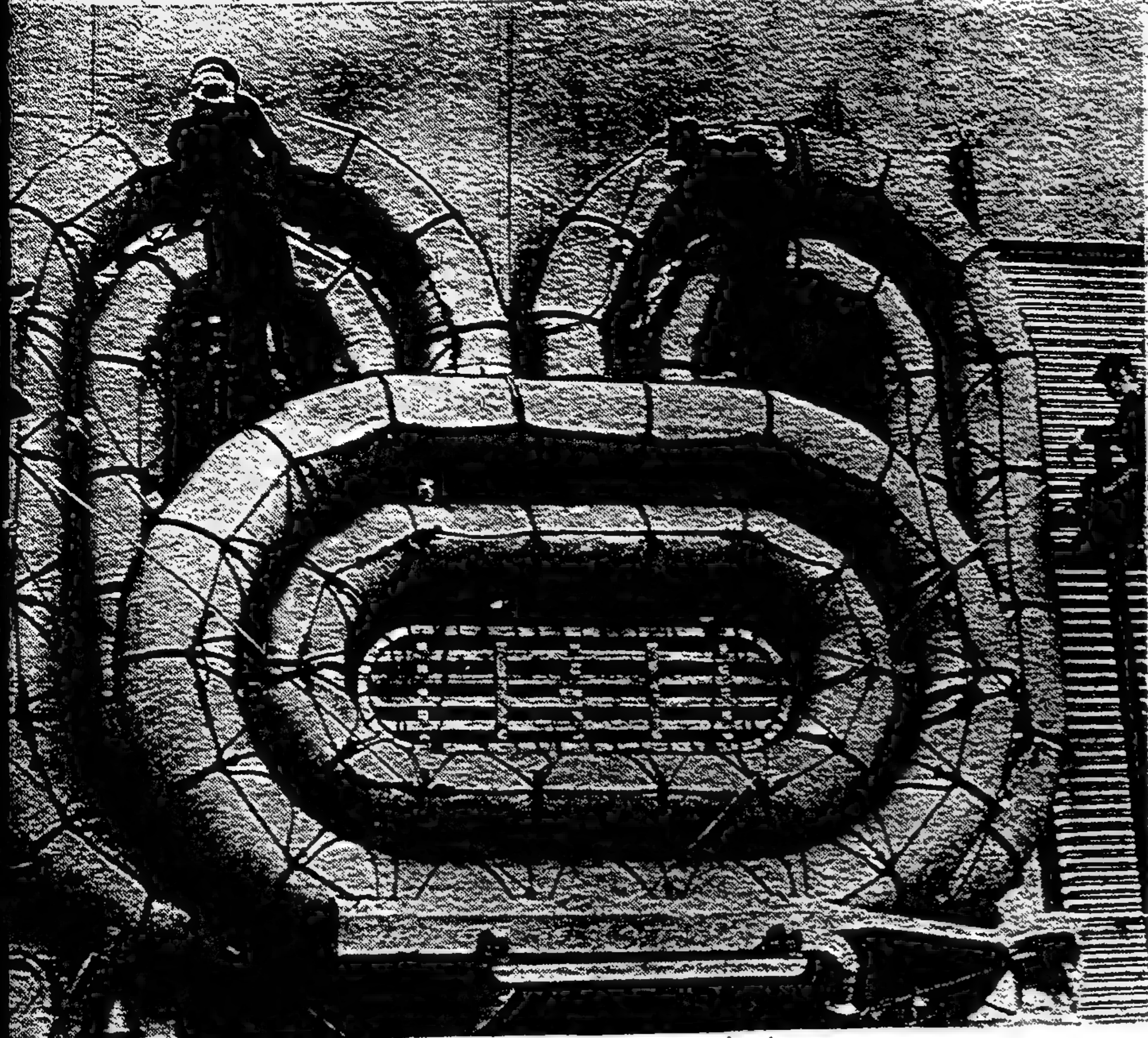
Several military patrols and police stations were attacked by Arabs, while on the Haifa road a bus carrying Jewish passengers was fired on without, however, anyone being hit.—Trans-Ocean.

Bringing Up Father



KING OF THE ROYAL MOUNTED





Southampton class cruiser Glasgow, which was built at Greenock, has arrived at Ports-
mouth the fourth of this new class of 9,000 tons and will join the second Cruiser Squadron of the
Photo shows—Fastening down the huge Carley Floats on H.M.S. Glasgow. These can be used
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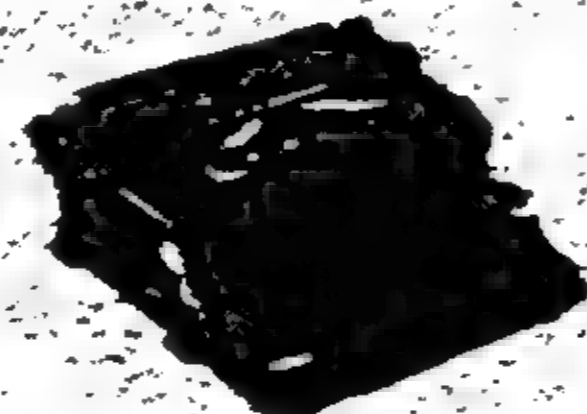
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STONE MAN OF THE CATHEDRAL

VERDEN (ALLER) GERMANY

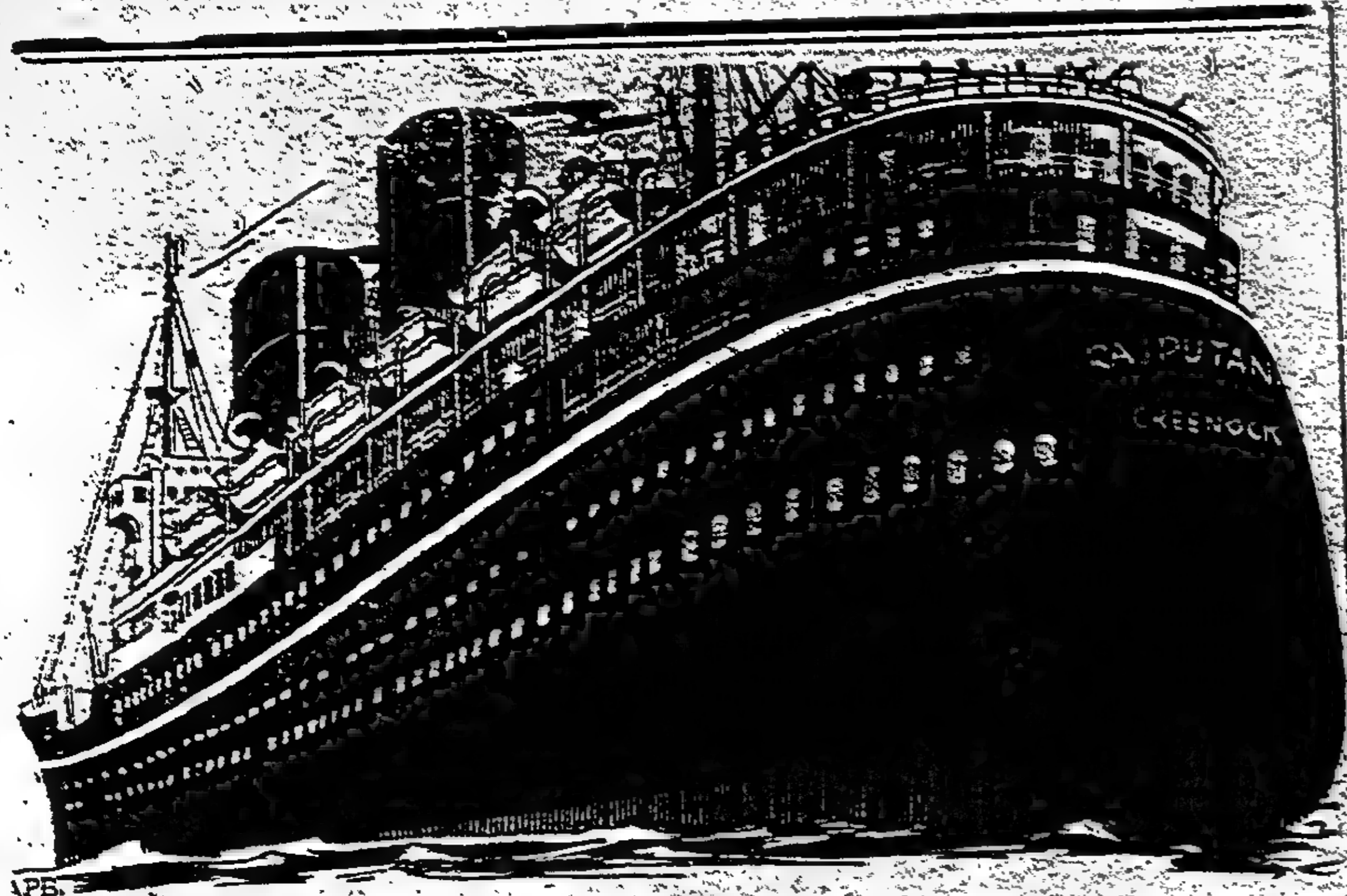
A TREASURER OF THE CATHEDRAL EMBEZZLED THE CHURCH FUNDS
AND WHEN APPREHENDED DENIED IT FROM THE CHURCH WINDOW AND
CALLED UPON THE DEVIL TO TAKE HIM IF HE WERE LYING.
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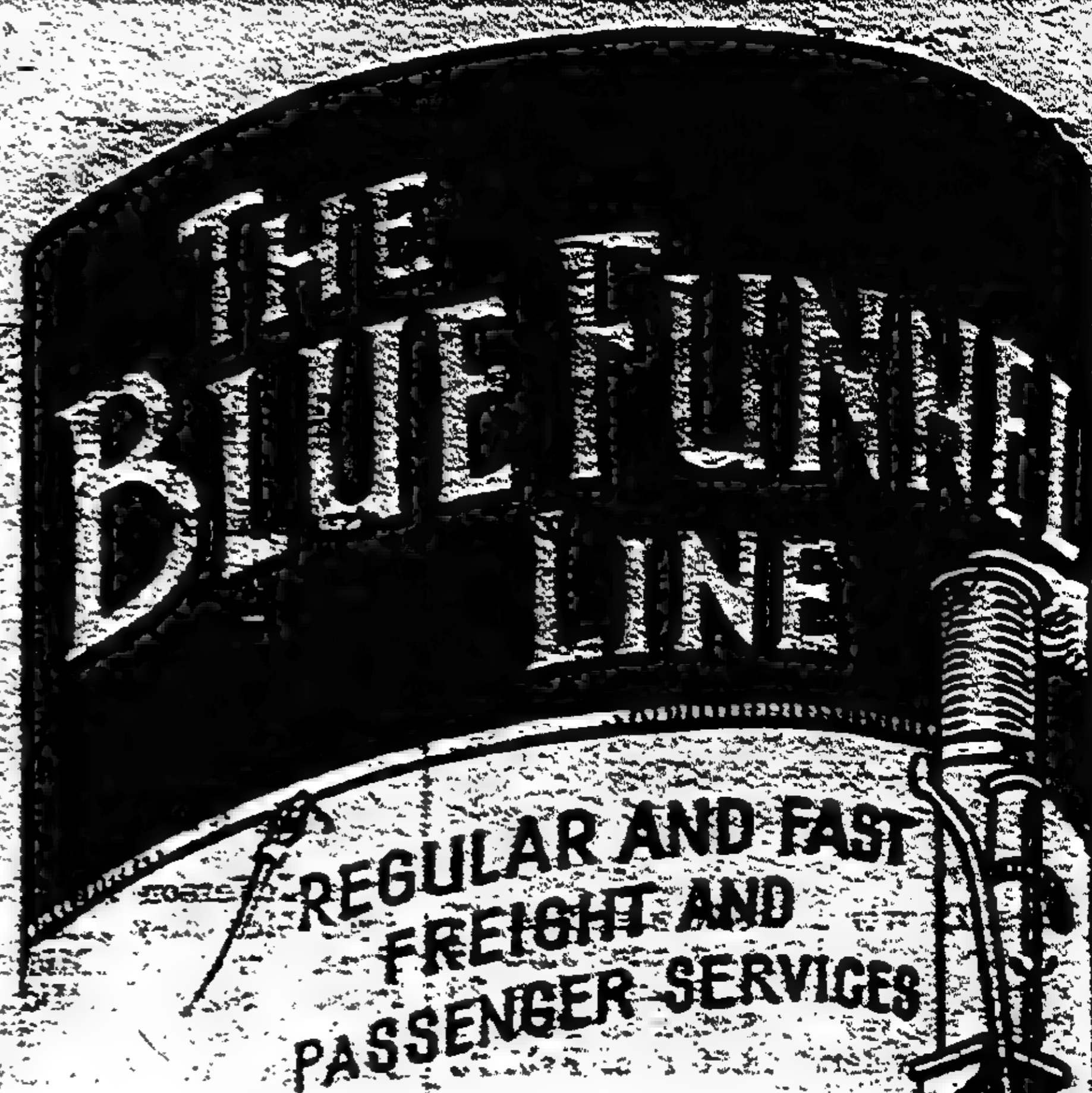
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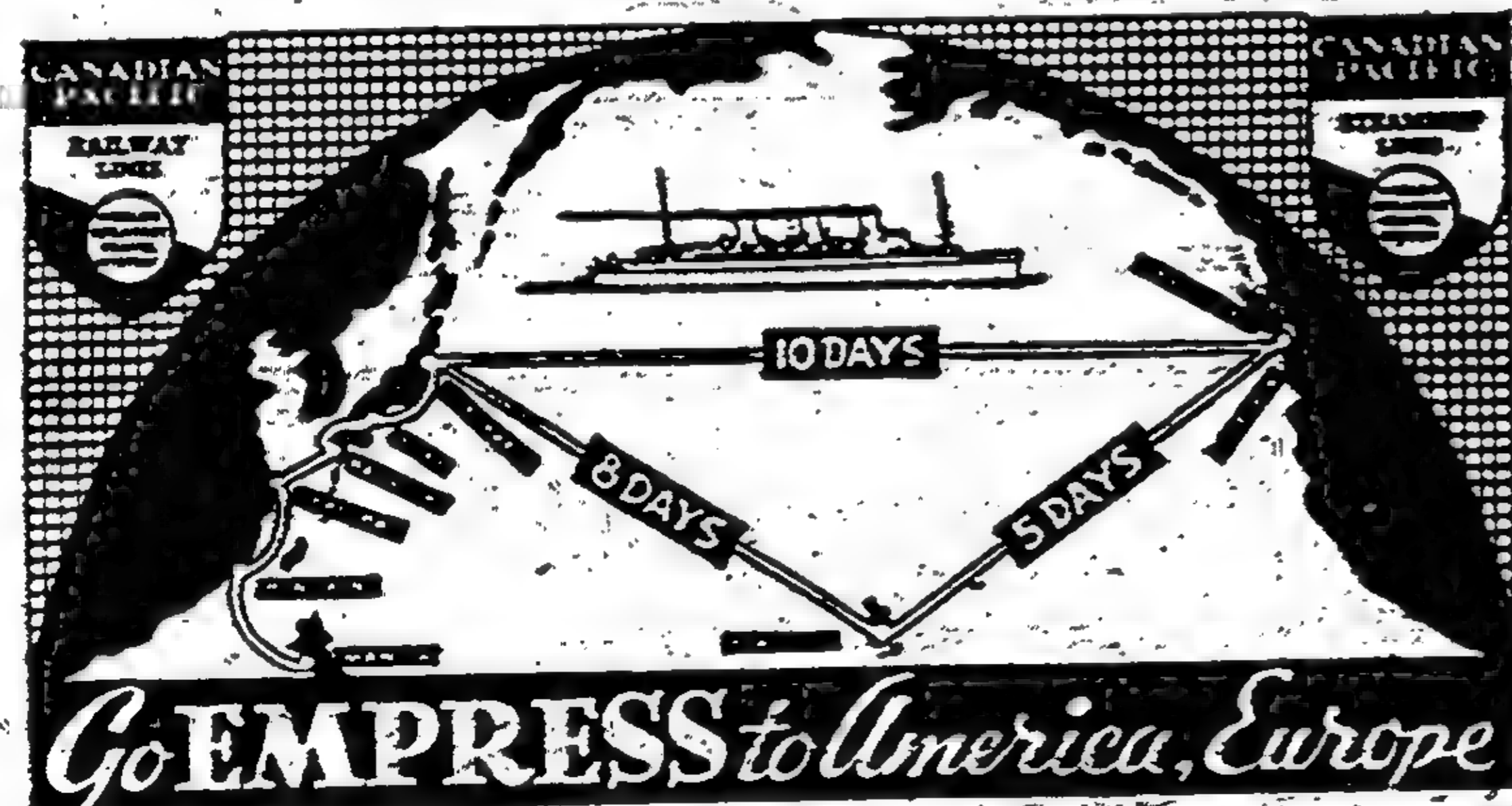
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FARMERS ARMY MAKES SURPRISE ATTACK ON BUND

Shanghai, Nov. 24.
Jostling, pushing and crowding one another as they streamed forth on to The Bund from flats drawn up at the Customs Jetty, a huge throng of farmers from Kiaochiao and neighbouring districts laden with the most varied assortment of wares imaginable gave the appearance of a first class riot yesterday afternoon. The pedestrian, making his way along The Bund paused aghast at the never-ending stream of cheery, noisy peasant folk which flowed incessantly off the score of so large-size junks lying off the Jetty, overflowed on to The Bund, and from there trickled in all directions, the main tributary swirling down Kiukiang Road, and depositing itself by the roadside to set down its baskets and dispose of its wares.

The invasion began at about 2 p.m., and an hour later hordes of vegetable dealers, and merchants with all manner of other goods for sale, were still fighting and struggling to set foot on The Bund and dash off post haste to the nearest and most convenient spot where they could set up their "markets." To watch the arrival of this motley crowd filled the heart with joy. There was such ceaseless pushing and shoving that it seemed that those caught in the midst of the swirling tide of humanity must be trampled underfoot. To add to the thunder of shouts and cries which inevitably accompanies a swarm of Chinese on the move, there was the mooing of cows as they were dragged along frantically by their owners.

A STRANGE ASSORTMENT

Some of the farmers, perspiring in spite of the cold, were laden with trees, and large numbers brought in baskets laden with firewood. Some of the fuel consisted simply of pieces of fencing torn down and flung one on top of the other, while here and there could be distinguished such odd articles as wooden wash-basins mingled with other household utensils whose only value was that they would burn. Kettles, tin cans, simple peasants' sandals, anything which could possibly be disposed of for cash, came with the tide of roughly clad men, women and children to be deposited on pavements and immediately put up for 1/2-3/4.

Before long, the stately banks of Kiukiang Road began to look down on pavements on which it was quite impossible to walk, for practically every square inch supported a basket from which luscious cabbages peeped temptingly forth. As the excited food dealers found suitable spots at which to set down their loads, the shouting increased. Farmwives accused each other of making off with a cabbage or two, immediately drawing around them an even bigger crowd than before.

Singapore Raw Rubber

Messrs H. B. Joseph and Co. have received the following quotations in Straits Currency for Raw Rubber:

Jan/March 23 1/2 b. down 1/4.
April/June 24 b. down 3/4.
July/Sept. 24 1/2 b. unchanged.
Market: Dull.

KAYING RICE BECOMES WAR MYSTERY

Blaming an untraced and unauthorized telephone call ordering a stop to the landing of 25,000 bags of Saigon rice from the s.s. Kaying in Shanghai last Monday evening as the origin for reports that the Japanese authorities intended to seize the cargo, a Japanese naval spokesman has announced that the Japanese military and naval authorities would not interfere with the shipment.

Investigations, the officer said, had established that the reported instructions to Butterfield and Swire owners of the vessel to cease unloading had not been made by any Japanese naval or military authority.

"The source of the call," the spokesman said, "is a mystery."

The fictitious "order," the officer intimated, may have been given by a rice dealer anxious to cause a rise in the price or "by elements bent upon creating ill-feeling between the Japanese authorities and the Settlement and Concession population."

"The matter is serious in that it tends to disturb the peace and order in the foreign-controlled areas of Shanghai," the spokesman declared.

FREE TO UNLOAD

The owners of the shipment, the official stated, were free to unload the rice at their own convenience.

"The Japanese authorities have no wish to interfere with the shipment," the spokesman declared.

When questioned earlier regarding the reported order the spokesman had announced that he had no official report on the matter.

He had revealed, however, that information to the effect that the rice had been bought by the Central Trust of China, a Government institution, for military use, had been received by the Japanese authorities.

According to this information the rice was being imported free of duty, being covered by a military "luchiao."

In such circumstances, he had indicated the possibility that the landing of the cargo could have been ordered to be stopped pending an investigation.

LOCAL DOLLAR

The demand rate of the Hong Kong dollar this morning was 1/2-3/4.

"Soot" silver was quoted at 19-11/16 and "forward" at 19-9/16.

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FLYWEIGHT FIGHT WAS BEST EVER

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SOUTH CHINA "B" LEAD FIRST DIVISION

K. CHINESE NO MATCH FOR S. CHINA "A"

(By "OUTSIDE LEFT")

South China "B" went to the top of the First Division League table yesterday when, much against the run of the play, they defeated Eastern by two clear goals in their all-important match at Causeway Bay. Eastern had only themselves to blame as they refused to take their chances when in a position to do so, dilly-dallying methods in front of the South China goal costing them many precious opportunities.

Chan Tak-fai was probably the outstanding forward on view although he was not given an opportunity to score until late in the game when he managed to elude Chan Kwok-choi the Eastern pivot. Sammy Tsang, Eastern's goalkeeper, was very sound between the sticks and brought off several commendable saves.

Tay Quee-liang, occupying the South China left-back position, was unable to cope with Chan Bing-to's methods, and the latter came very near to scoring on several occasions.

PERFECT CENTRE

Yeung Shui-yick, the winners' skipper, was always a source of danger to Eastern's charge and it was from a perfect centre by him that Lau Chung-sang netted the first goal of the match. Chan Tak-fai placed the issue beyond doubt in the closing minutes.

In another First Division encounter South China "A" had no difficulty in taking both points from Kowloon Chinese by four clear goals after taking an interval lead of two goals.

LEE KWOK WAI PLAYS

Lee Kwok-wai made one of his all too rare appearances and Lan Hing-choi was rested, while Choo Sui-hong was seen in goal in place of Wong Wing. Cheong Moon-wing and Lai Shiu-wing scored South China's first two goals, the latter as a result of brilliant inter-passing

Yesterday's Soccer Results At A Glance

FIRST DIVISION		
Eastern	0	S. China "B" 2
S. China "A"	4	K. Chinese 0
SECOND DIVISION		
South China	1	Engineers (E) 3
Eastern	2	5th Bde. R.A. 8
THIRD DIVISION (HONG KONG)		
Stanley	0	5th Bde. R.A. 1
Ordinance	5	Police 2

CORRESPONDENCE

TENNIS EXHIBITION SUGGESTION

Sir—It is not often that we in Hong Kong have an opportunity of seeing first-class tennis players in action, and last Friday's exhibition by the German champions was a real treat for local followers of the game.

I hope I do not sound too critical, but there is a suggestion I should like to offer to the Tennis Association.

On Friday the German Davis Cup players were paired against the local doubles champions in two sets, and the same four men then engaged in a third set following an exchange of partners. Finally, we saw Von Cramm and Henkel in a singles—just one set, which provided the thrilling tennis for which we had all been waiting.

It was interesting to watch the local boys against two of the world's top-ranking players, but would not one set, or at the most two sets, have sufficed? It is so seldom that we have the pleasure of a visit from players of the class of Von Cramm and Henkel, that I feel sure most of the spectators would have preferred to see more of the German champions in action against each other.

In future exhibitions of the nature of Friday's, it would be very much appreciated if a best-of-three-sets match could be arranged between the visiting experts.

Yours etc.,

TENNIS ENTHUSIAST.

by Fung King-cheong Tang Kwong-sum, who seems to have settled down at last and Lai.

Fung King-cheong and Lai Shiu-wing scored again in the early stages of the second half and thereafter South China dominated the exchanges although they were unable to net again.

Gunners On The Mark In Junior Football

Two Second Division League soccer encounters were also played yesterday, the European Engineers trouncing South China in an away match by 3 goals to 1, while the 5th Anti-Aircraft Brigade, Royal Artillery, overwhelmed Eastern by 8 goals to 2.

The Sappers secured an early lead against South China through Dewell from a penalty, but the Chinese equalised 10 minutes from time through Lee Pui-leung. The Sappers then launched a series of attacks which resulted in two grand goals from Jones and Dudridge.

The Ack-Ack Gunners led Eastern by a solitary goal in the first

half of their match, but piled on seven goals in the second period. Bancroft (3), Smith (2), Calvert (2) and Coughlin netted for the Gunners, while Yeung Shiu-wing and Au She-n'gok for Eastern.

Ai Sookumpoo, in the Third Division, the 5th A. A. Bde. R.A. beat Stanley, R.A., by a solitary goal scored by Percival in the first half.

In another Third Division game which followed the one above, the Royal Army Ordnance Corps defeated the Police by 5 goals to 2. Munton (2), Emberson, K. Duffield and S. Duffield netted for the winners, while the Police scored through Cheung Kan and Terrett (penalty).

BENNY LYNCH IS WORTHY TO RETAIN THE WORLD TITLE BUT PETER KANE TOOK JACKIE BROWN'S BRILLIANT COMEBACK

(By B. BENNISON)

London, October 10.

THE world's championship fly-weight fight between Benny Lynch and Peter Kane at Glasgow was one of the greatest I have ever seen. Little man Lynch, who won by a knock-out in the thirteenth round and so held to the title which he took from Jackie Brown at Manchester two years ago, has never fought better in all his career and has never fought a worthier opponent.

THE SCOT WAS THE BETTER BOXER, THE HARDER PUNCHER, AND Surer OF HIMSELF. HE HAD NO DIFFICULTY IN MAKING EIGHT STONE AS WAS GENERALLY FEARED. I CANNOT RECOLLECT HIS EVER BEING IN FINER SHAPE. HE CAME NEAR KNOCKING KANE OUT IN THE FIRST ROUND WITH A TREMENDOUS RIGHT-HANDER TO THE JAW AND A LEFT HOOK TO THE BODY.

Kane's recovery was amazing, for thereafter he fought with all his well-known fire, and a less courageous man than Lynch would perhaps have lost. Lynch took Kane's punches to the body without flinching, and there was no end of iron in his Scottish jaw. Kane was not far behind when the 12th round was begun. Then Lynch, having got home his right, punched him with all he had at his command, and as how he pleased. Only the bell saved Kane from being counted out.

When he came up for what proved to be the last round, he had no guard worthy of the name, and having once been floored for a count of seven he fell on the rope exhausted. Kane was a magnificent loser. Lynch fought as a champion of champions. He excelled himself alike as a boxer and full-blooded fighter.

JACKIE BROWN'S VIM

Within a few hours after reaching London I was at the ringside of the National Sporting Club to see Jackie Brown give a brilliant show at the expense of Pat Palmer. Once he had got over a bad start, Brown out-boxed and outfought Palmer in such a way as to recall his great days. He is an irrepressible little fellow, still a mountain of perkiness, and quite decided that, given a chance, he will win the bantam championship.

I saw Al Roth, the American light-weight, who has come over here with Al Delaney, who is to have his first fight in this country with Pancho Villar, the Spaniard. Roth was to have been tried out against Jimmy Walsh, but the British title-holder had to cry off owing to indisposition. Roth had Jack Lyden, of Liverpool, for an opponent, and in the first half minute he was dropped for a count of some eight seconds by a crack on the jaw. He not only quickly recovered from the shock, but, once he had found his bearings, much punished the young North countryman, who was forced to retire with a hurt hand.

S. AFRICAN INJURED

Roth will pass muster. I hope to see him in a bout with Walsh if one can be arranged.

Johnny Holt, the unbeaten South African bantam, had the bad luck to have his eyes damaged, and in the fifth round was not allowed to continue a fight with Jackie Hurst. I thought little of his country's cruiser, Eddie Peirce, who was against Kid Tunero, the Cuban. Both were poor, and, to cap it all, Tunero was disqualified for hitting low. Peirce has made no improvement. He disappointed me tremendously.

On Tuesday Maurice Strickland and Walter Neusel will have their much discussed fight at the Empire Pool, Wembley. My vote is for Strickland. In my opinion he is the better boxer, and, if anything, a heavier puncher than the German.

Dave Crowley will probably win the light-weight eliminator at the cost of George Odwell. I am particularly interested in George James, the Ebbw Vale Welshman, who is to be tried out against Alf Robinson, the Manchester heavy-weight. I believe James will go far.

K.C.C. BOWLS VICTORY OVER U.S.R.C.

Kowloon Cricket Club entertained the United Services R. C. at bowls yesterday and won by 55 shots to 26.

Scores:

Higgs, Parsons, White and E. W. Lines (U.S.R.C.) lost to A. Nissim, E. Abraham, C. J. Tacchi and W. W. Hirst 17-19.
Burnie, Col. Matthews, Dr. Griffiths and Dr. Smalley (U.S.R.C.) lost to E. A. Harding, W. Hearther, Gill and R. E. Lindsay 9-36.

LOCAL GOLF CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

K'LOON G.C. RESULTS

The following are the results of yesterday's play in the Kowloon Golf Club senior and junior championships:

Senior Championship
2nd Round results:—
A. J. Dennis beat W. C. Simpson 3 and 2.
F. E. A. Remedios beat T. D. Paton 3 and 1.
W. Taylor beat A. A. Lopes 4 and 3.
E. D. da Roza beat W. A. Stewart 1 up.

Junior Championship
1st Round results:—
F. A. Hill beat B. Basto 1 up.
W. Stoker beat J. R. Humble 1 up.
J. R. Leitch beat G. C. Moss 6 and 4.
W. Henderson beat E. M. Hanlon 3 and 1.
W. Kershaw beat M. A. Cairns 5 and 4.
E. W. Gardiner beat R. M. Wheatcroft 3 and 2.
F. E. Lawrence beat H. R. Billings 3 and 2.
W. Bastin beat J. J. King 3 and 2.



St. John's Hall lawn tennis team, above, won the Inter-Hostel Hong Kong University Championship for 1937.

R.H.K.G.C. TITLE

First Round Results

The First Round of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club championship held at Fanling on Saturday.

I. Newton provided the only sensation of the opening stages when he defeated T. A. Pearce by 4 and 3, as it previously very much looked like an O. E. C. Marton-T. A. Pearce final.

Scores were:—
L. R. Andrewes defeated E. T. McMullen 4 and 2.

A. E. Lissaman defeated W. J. S. Key 4 and 3.

Major Shannon defeated D. J. Gilmore 5 and 4.

O. E. C. Marton defeated K. S. Robertson 5 and 4.

I. Newton defeated T. A. Pearce 4 and 3.

D. S. Robb defeated I. P. Tamworth 2 up.

D. S. Edwards defeated N. L. Smith 3 and 2.

Col. Blake defeated R. Young by one hole.

THIS WEEK'S BADMINTON PROGRAMME

The following is the badminton programme for the week with times of starting:—

MONDAY
"A" Division
St. Andrew's v University "B" (8.15).
University "A" v King's College (8.00).
Chinese "Y" v Recreio "B" (6.00).

WEDNESDAY
"B" Division
Free Lances v St. Andrew's (6.00).
C. R. C. v Kowloon Tong (6.00).

FRIDAY
Mixed Doubles
Kowloon Tong v St. Andrew's (6.00).
Free Lances v Recreio "B" (6.00).
Recreio "A" v Taikoo (6.00).



HOCKEY ASSN. COUNCIL MEET NEXT THURSDAY

The usual monthly meeting of the Council of the Hong Kong Hockey Association, will take place at St. Andrew's Church Hall at 6 p.m. next Thursday, December 2.

VETS SECURE THE LEAD IN SOFTBALL LEAGUE

CANADIAN CHINESE "TRACK-MEET" AGAINST H.K.B.C.

THE Vets, in their return Softball League clash with the Forum boys yesterday, took the lead away from them, but their leadership is somewhat precarious. A look at the detailed scores reveals the sad plight that "Toughy" Chinn must have been in when the Vets came up to bat in the second inning. Five hits off him counted for seven runs, besides a couple of errors and a base on balls. The Forumers were unable to recover from this overwhelming lead, and succumbed to their first defeat of the season.

The double-header played by the H.K. Baseball Club was very ragged in their first game with the Canadian Chinese. Fielding only eight men, the Baseballers made more than enough errors in the outfield, and the Canadian Chinese romped home to a victory of 19 runs to 4. There were too many muffed flies which gave the Canadian Chinese splendid opportunities to reach home.

The Baseballers, however, redeemed themselves in the next match with the Machine Gunners. With the addition of Bill Muir in the infield, which the Machine Gunners sportingly acquiesced in allowing to fill up the nine on the field, they found their feet and finished with the final score of 20 to 10.

The Baseball gang did not have things all their own way, as the cricketers were hitting the ball all over the appleyard. If the latter team had a little more coaching, they would make splendid baseball players, and it is gratifying to learn that quite a few of them are taking up the game next season.

A CONTROVERSY

There has been some controversy as to whether the pitcher gets the credit of a put-out when he strikes out a batter. In Softball, the batter cannot run on the third strike as in baseball, so it doesn't seem right that the catcher should get the credit of a put-out when he momentarily holds the ball at the third strike. This column would welcome the knowledge of the correct procedure.

CIVIL SERVICE LAWN TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Thirty-two players entered for the American tennis tournament organised by the Civil Service Cricket Club yesterday. Winners were J. Pengelly and A. Warr (men) and Mrs. Innie and Mrs. Fowles (women).



M.C.L. TENNIS TOURNEY

G. W. Sewell And Mrs. Armstrong Triumph

The third annual tennis tournament in aid of the Ministering Children's League, organised this year by Mrs. F. H. Crapnell, was held at the Peak Club yesterday.

Prize winners.—Section No. 1, N. L. Bailton, Mrs. Oliver; No. 2, Lt. Wood, Miss Joan Armstrong; No. 3, E. H. Williams, Miss Griffiths; No. 4, H. J. Armstrong, Mrs. Prior; No. 5, Hon. Mr. R. M. Henderson, Mrs. Whyte Smith; No. 6, F. A. Redmond, Mrs. Newbiggin; No. 7, G. W. Sewell, Mrs. Armstrong; Consolation Prizes, Major Archer, Miss Pat Austin.

Winners, G. W. Sewell, Mrs. Armstrong; runners-up, Mr. F. A. Redmond, Mrs. Newbiggin.

On behalf of the M.C.L. Mrs. Crapnell wishes to thank the following who assisted her.—The Peak Club, Mrs. Patterson and Mrs. King for loan of their courts and the ladies who supplied cakes and sandwiches, John D. Hutchison and Co. for Slazenger tennis balls, Caldbeck, McGregor and Co., Johnnie Walker Whiskey, King's Dispensary, British American Tobacco Co., Dodwell and Co., Lane Crawford, Ltd., Dairy Farm Co. Ltd., Gande Price and Co., Shing Fat, Tabacqueria Filipina.

Donations were received from the following who did not play.—Mrs. E. B. C. Dicken, Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, Mrs. Forrest, Mrs. Finnie, Lt. Walker, Messrs. E. T. McMullen, J. R. Paton, V. R. Gordon, C. C. Stark, L. H. Calthrip.

SUNDAY CRICKET

Middlesex Regt. Defeat Police

In a low scoring cricket match on the Police ground yesterday, the Middlesex Regiment defeated the Police by three wickets. Hatfield bowled extremely well for the soldiers, capturing 8 wickets for only 15 runs, while Pope, of the Police took 5 for 35.

Scores:—
Police R. C.—64 (T. R. Hunter 20, J. Shepherd 18, not out; Chiverall 2 for 17, Hatfield 8 for 15).
Middlesex Regiment—81 (Pte. Jones 30, Lt. Beadnell 11, Pte. Combes 10; Pope 5 for 35, Baker 2 for 21, Edwards 1 for 4).

The detailed box scores:

ENGLISH FORUM										
	AB	R	H	PO	A	E				
T. Young 2b, ss	4	0	1	5	2	1				
C. S. Chung 1b	4	0	0	11	0	1				
T. Chinn p	4	1	0	0	2	1				
T. Law 3b	4	0	0	0	3	0				
W. Ching c	4	0	1	2	0	0				
Kitchell cf	4	0	1	0	0	0				
W. Chew ss, 2b	3	0	0	1	1	1				
Louie rf	4	0	0	0	0	0				
Quon lf	1	0	0	0	0	1				
Mar lf	2	0	1	0	0	0				
	34	1	4	19	8	5				

Score by innings:										
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
Runs:	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	=1
Hits:	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	=4

VETS										
	AB	R	H	PO	A	E				
A. Y. Chew lf	4	2	2	1	0	1				
J. Yee cf	5	0	1	1	1	0				
M. Chang 1b	5	1	1	4	0	1				
C. Young p	5	1	1	1	1	1				
T. Wong 2b	5	1	1	1	0	0				
E. Wong 3b	4	1	1	0	1	0				
N. Lum c	4	0	1	0	0	0				
B. Jan ss	4	1	1	2	1	1				
B. Gong rf	4	0	1	0	0	0				
	40	8	9	10	4	4				

Score by innings:										
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
Runs:	1	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	=8
Hits:	2	5	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	=9
Strike outs by T. Chinn=5, by Young=17.										
Base on balls off Chinn=2, off Young=1.										

LEAGUE STANDING										
	P	W	L	PCT						
Vets	7	6	1	.857						
English Forum	5	4	1	.800						
Canadian Chinese	6	4	2	.666						
Filipino	5	3	2	.600						
H. K. B. C.	6	2	4	.333						
C. B. A.	3	0	3	.000						
3, M. G. Co.	6	0	6	.000						

JOE DAVIS SECURES SECOND CENTURY

London, October 16.

Joe Davis (Chesterfield) increased his advantage to six frames over Tom Newman (London) in the first session of their snooker match in the Gold Cup tournament at Thurston's Hall yesterday.

Davis made his second century break on successive days when he had a run of 112 in the third game at night. It was made up of eight blacks, four blues, two pinks, one brown and then the yellow and green.

DELANEY STOPS STAAL IN SEVENTH ROUND

London, October 19.

A new Empire heavyweight who is likely to create a great deal of interest in this country, Al Delaney, of Canada, defeated Harry Staal, champion of Holland, at the National Sporting Club tournament at Earl's Court last night, writes Harold Lewis. The referee stopped the contest at the end of the seventh round.

Delaney had to concede a stone and a half to the burly, crude Dutchman, but he did so with ease. Delaney lacked experience, particularly in defence, but he carried

the fight with his two-handed attacks.

Staal's right eyebrow was badly cut in the first round, and in the fifth he was severely punished. Delaney had tired before the fight was stopped, for he had taken a number of bludgeon-like blows from Staal.

Jack Treadaway, the former A.R.A. feather-weight champion,

won his first fight as a professional, outpointing Jim Palmer, of Consett, over eight rounds. Treadaway put Palmer down in the second round and again in the fourth, but

WALTER LINDRUM'S FAST 1,000

Melbourne, October 14.

What a man! Walter Lindrum journeyed to Wangaratta to play a series of exhibition games. For a week previous he had been laid up with lambago, and had little or no chance to practise. In spite of all this, he secured an unfinished 1000 in 40 minutes. Wangaratta had never seen such billiards, and Lindrum received the ovation his brilliance deserved.

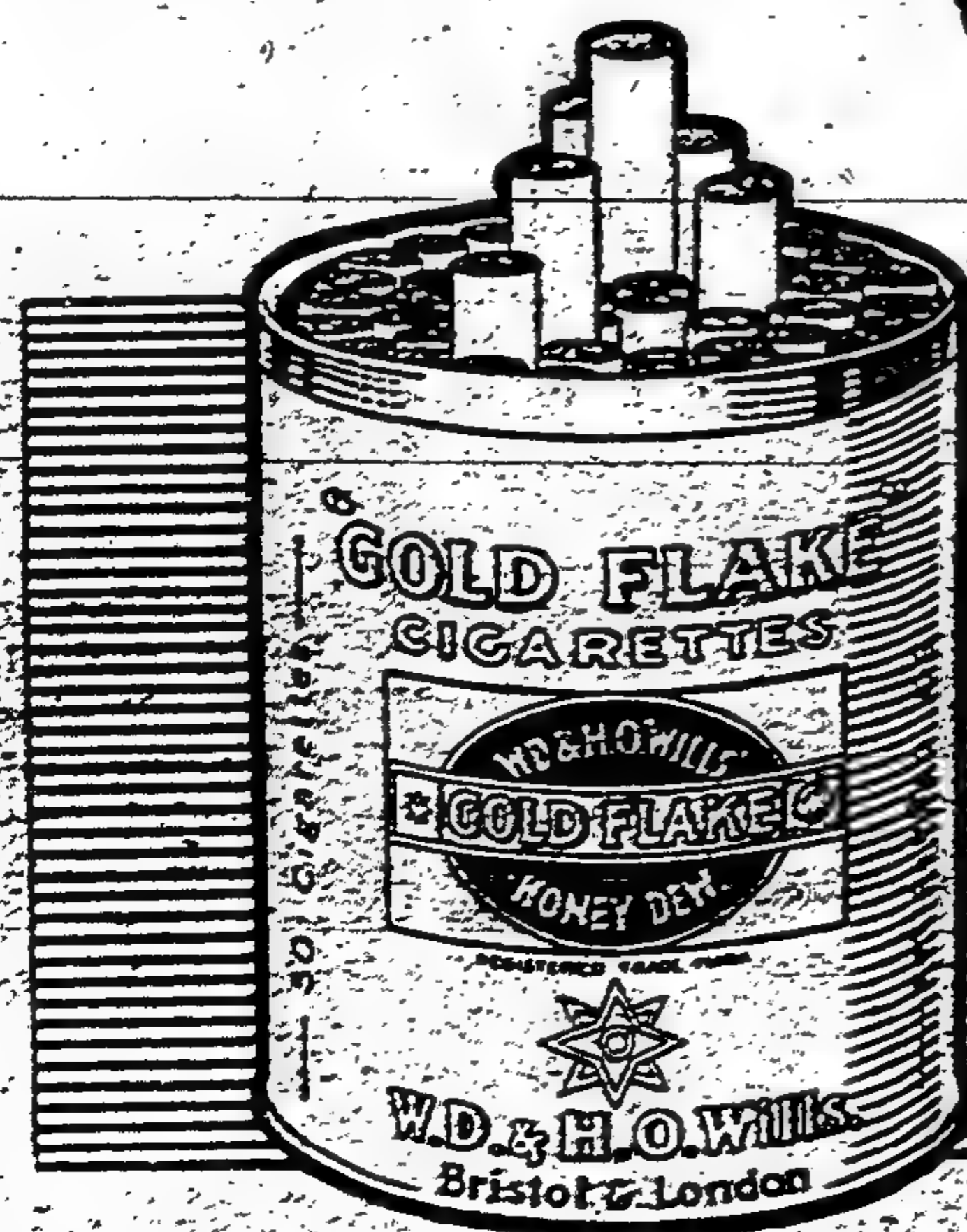
had not the punching power to make full use of his opponent's weakness.

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RETURN TO GOOD SCRUMMAGING IS MOST ESSENTIAL

PLEA FOR PLAYERS TO STUDY THE NEW RULE

CLIFF JONES' INTERESTING VIEWS

(By HOWARD MARSHALL)

London, October 26.

I WAS talking the other day to a referee who said that in his opinion the revised laws would be very helpful, if only players would read them. "But they won't," he added, and went on to discuss, a little severely, the intelligence of scrum-halves. He admitted that scrum-halves might be excellent classical scholars, or nimble operators on the Stock Exchange, but it galled him to discover that they still thought they could roll the ball in to the scrummage along the ground.

A SMALL POINT, PERHAPS, AND THE MISSIONARY WORK OF ENLIGHTENED REFEREES AMONG THE BARBARIC PLAYERS WILL DOUBTLESS SMOOTH OUT THE DIFFICULTY. AS FOR THE PLAYERS, THEIR FORBEARANCE WITH BIGOTED REFEREES WILL SURELY BEAR FRUIT IN DUE COURSE. IN THE MEANWHILE I HAVE A LETTER FROM AN EMINENT LEGISLATOR, WHO SAYS:

So far as I can gather all over the country practically no attempt is being made by either players or referees to see that the new scrummage law is carried into effect.

- (1) Few scrum-halves put the ball in properly. It is either rolled in along the ground or thrown in at excessive speed.
- (2) Practically no attention is paid to feet being illegally up. It is a physical impossibility for the near flank forward to hook the ball fairly with either foot.

He goes on to point out that if it is recognised that only the middle man can hook the ball the efficiency of scrummage work is greatly increased "and what is equally important, the joy of scrummaging."

PLAYERS AND REFEREE

Next, an interesting letter from Burton-on-Trent. May I say, incidentally, how grateful I am to my various correspondents, and how much I value their views on the game? This letter begins thus:

The Rugby Union each year seems to be painfully delivered of a few minor alterations to the rules which don't seem to eliminate the existing trouble and, at the same time, cause a certain amount of friction between referees — who, poor fellows, have enough to think of when all goes smoothly — and players who set out to enjoy a pleasant game and find themselves so cribbed, cabined and confined that they scarcely know which foot to set down first.

THE WRONG IDEA

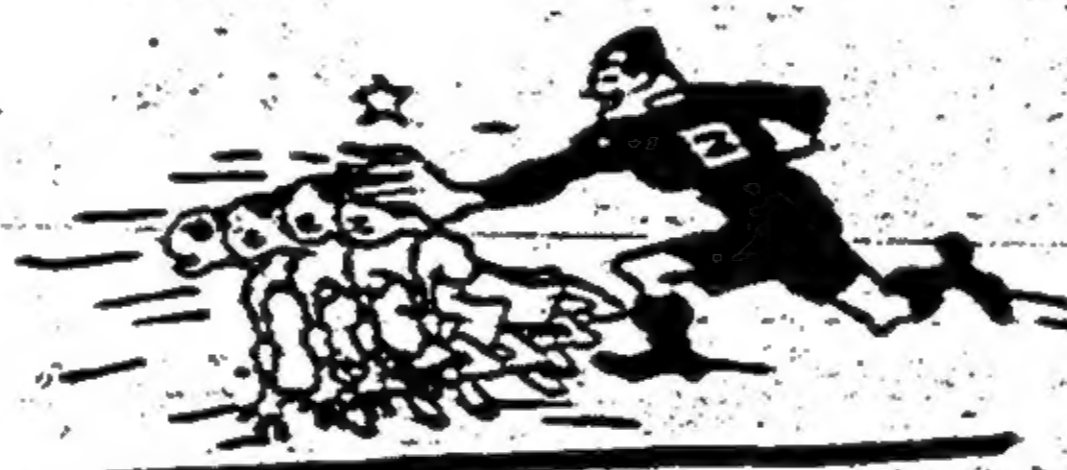
There is truth in that. It is entirely wrong that players should be forced to regard the unfortunate referee as a tiresome kind of policeman.

My correspondent then takes a crack at the thought that "the South is too often regarded as the only place in England where Rugger is played," a point of view which is erroneously prevalent among good North Countrymen.

He continues with the suggestion that we might profitably adopt the Rugby League scrummage rule: "That the scrum-half stay behind his own pack until the ball is out, and that the forwards do likewise."

CLIFF JONES' VIEWS

Now I put these opinions before you partly because you may like to discuss them and partly because they show that the mechanism of our game is not yet working quite smoothly. And having thrown the thoughts of a referee, a legislator and a spectator into the general pool of ideas, how about the player himself?



Here Cliff Jones, most brilliant of modern stand-off halves, cuts in very effectively. Cliff Jones — for the life of me I cannot think of him as Mr. Clifford W. Jones, the author — has just published a book on Rugby football.

It is a good book, shrewd and stimulating. It drags us out of the stand by the scruff of the neck and sets us down once more on the familiar field of play.

OUTLOOK CLOUDED

This is important. It is not always easy for the critic or the legislator to look at the game from the player's angle. When we pack our boots away for the last time we close one period in our lives with horrible finality. We become spectators, and our outlook is clouded by memories.

Let us but see a promising forward, and our minds project alongside him the shades of W. W. Wakefield or G. S. Conway as we knew them at their splendid best. A stand-off half flashes into brilliant attack, but that is not enough. We must needs, for comparison's sake, make W. J. A. Davies or Adrian Stoop accompany him in our imagination.

PLEASANT BUT DANGEROUS

We are for ever comparing, analysing, raking up the heroes of the past. A pleasant pastime, but it has its dangers, and begets intolerance and injustice. As it is with players, so it is with theories. We scheme in terms of our own generation, and forget that the game changes imperceptibly but profoundly with the years.

If we resent change, however, we may console ourselves with the paradox that fundamentally Rugby football remains the same. Cliff Jones would probably deny this. He is

essentially a modernist. He flings down provocative challenges.

"The whole theory of modern defence," he says, "is based on the play of the open side wing forward, whether you know it or not, and whether you like it or not."

CLIFF JONES' DOGMA

Well, we did know it, though we do not always like it, a fact which brings me to another of Cliff Jones' dogmatic statements. The wing forward, he argues, has been unjust-



ly blamed for obstructionist tactics. But, he adds, "the wing forward does not live who can close the game against a fly-half with speed off the mark who is benefiting by a quick heel, preferably from the loose."

The paramount importance of quick heeling, in short, is Cliff Jones's remedy for the destructive menace of the wing forward. There even the crustiest of old stagers will agree with him, but the proposition is not new.

Quick heeling means sound scrummaging, and sound scrummaging means a return to old principles. I have argued on these lines until I fear my readers must be weary of it. The foundation of all tactics lies in the scrummage, and that implies proper packing and intelligently directed and honest shoving by all eight forwards.

ORGANISED SCRUMMAGING

The wing forward proper is no new phenomenon. His part in the game is a natural and justifiable development of theory. The player we object to is the man who is neither fish, fowl nor good red herring, the rover or lurker who hangs about and takes no share in the essential scrummaging.

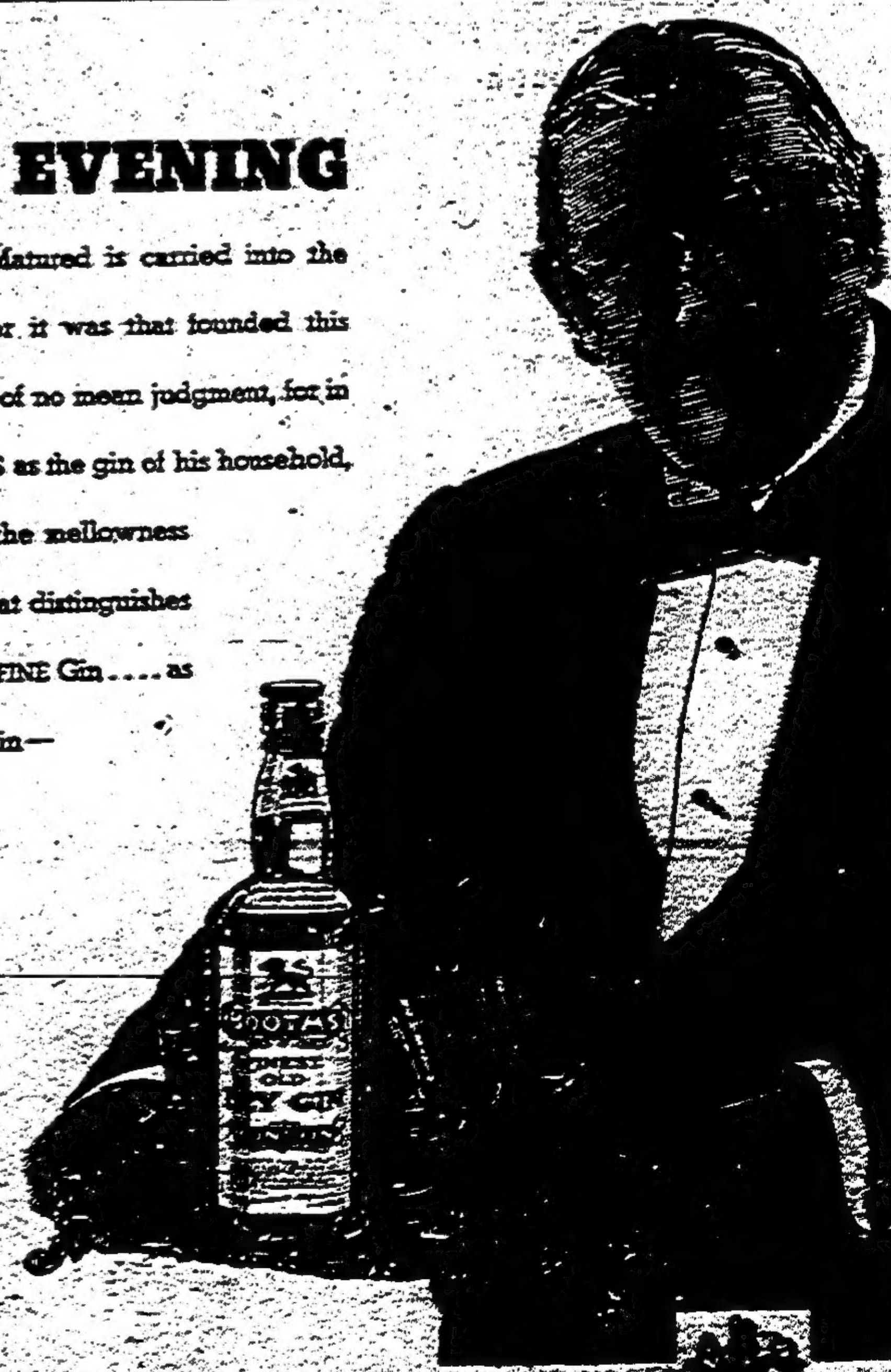
"Banish the wing forward," says Cliff Jones, "and you banish one of the most interesting features of modern Rugby. You also tamper with the game's evolution. Never fear, the old rule of the survival of the fittest will work, once the scrummaging gets organised."

There is common sense from a player who has had good reason to consider the wing-forward problem. Organise the scrummaging.

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Leicester	1 Chelsea
Manchester C.	3 Grimsby
Sunderland	1 Charlton
Wolves	5 Portsmouth

SECOND DIVISION	
Aston Villa	1 Sheffield U.
Blackburn	1 Coventry
Bradford	3 Tottenham
Chesterfield	0 Barnsley
Fulham	1 Newcastle
Norwich	2 Manchester U.
Plymouth	2 Luton
Wednesday	0 Notts. F.
Southampton	4 Bury
Swansea	0 Stockport
West Ham	1 Burnley

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A'Broath	1 Clyde
Ayr	3 Motherwell
Celtic	2 Falkirk
Hamilton	4 Kilmarnock
Hibernian	2 Dundee
Queen O'South	1 Morton
Rangers	0 Hearts
St. Mirren	1 Partick
Third Lanark	0 St. Johnstone

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Albion	1 Raith
Alloa	3 King's Park
Brechin	2 Edinburgh
Dundee	2 Forfar
Dunfermline	3 Montrose
East Fife	3 Leith
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RUGBY REFORM MUCH IN NEED

(Continued from on Page 21)

ing, both loose and tight, and our troubles will vanish of their own accord.

Now briefly, one or two more points raised by Cliff Jones. He calls the wheel an anachronism; but describes its value as an attacking weapon when properly carried out. The deduction is obvious.

SOLUTION IN SCHOOL?

He pleads strongly for the encouragement of individuality in schools. At present, he declares, "individuality is strangled or starved at birth—too often a boy's attempt to be original is blasted by the games-master as an attempt to be merely clever."

He lays down "one golden rule for line-out play—desist for all time from tapping the ball back to the scrum-half." He declares that the decline in forward play is the direct result of a decline in forward leadership, which makes me wonder again why C. D. Laborde was not given charge of the England pack last year.

In brief, Cliff Jones's most interesting book confirms my belief that the views of players, referees, legislators and critics are essentially much the same, and that a return to sound scrummaging is the reform most urgently needed to-day.

Yeovil and Petters	2 Ipswich	1
Bristol R.	1 Queen's P.R.	8
King's Lynn	0 Bromley	4
Northampton	1 Cardiff	2
Hartlepool	3 Southport	1
Rochdale	1 Lincoln	1
Doncaster	7 Blyth Spartan	0
Barrow	0 Crewe	2
Wellington	1 Mansfield	1
York	1 Halifax	1
Brighton	5 Tunbridge Wells	1
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Crystal P.	2 Kettering	2
Bournemouth	0 Dartford	0
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C. B. BROWN
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 10th Nov., 1937.

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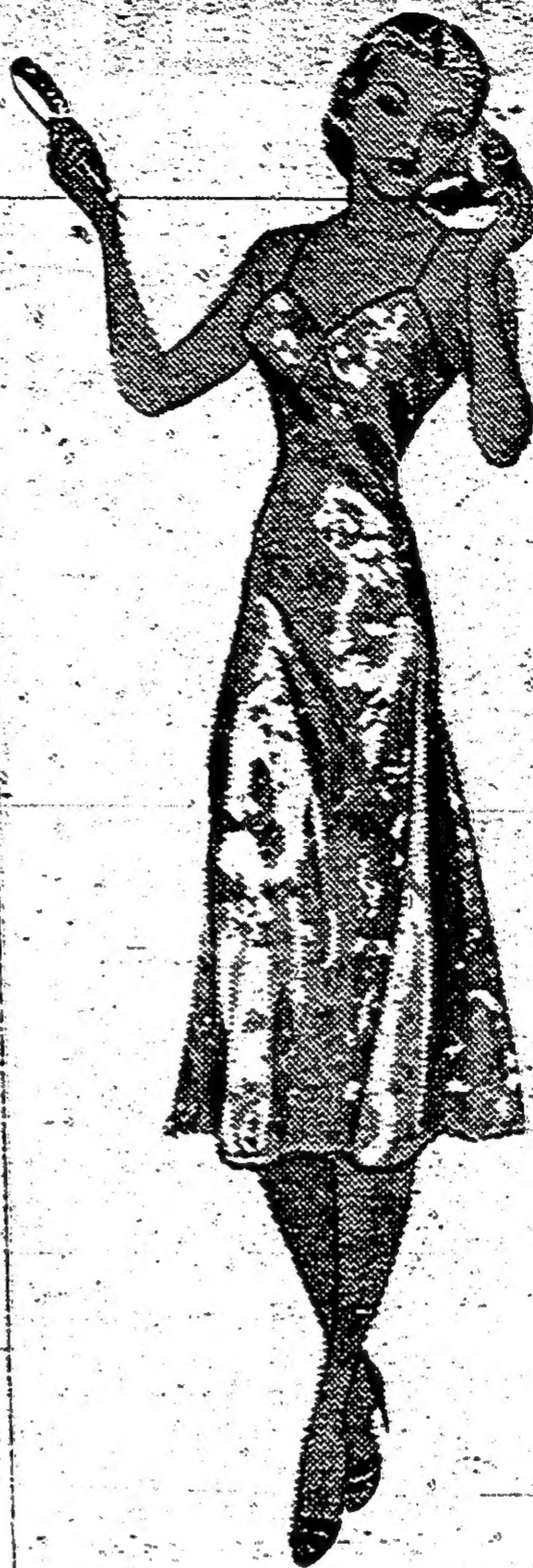
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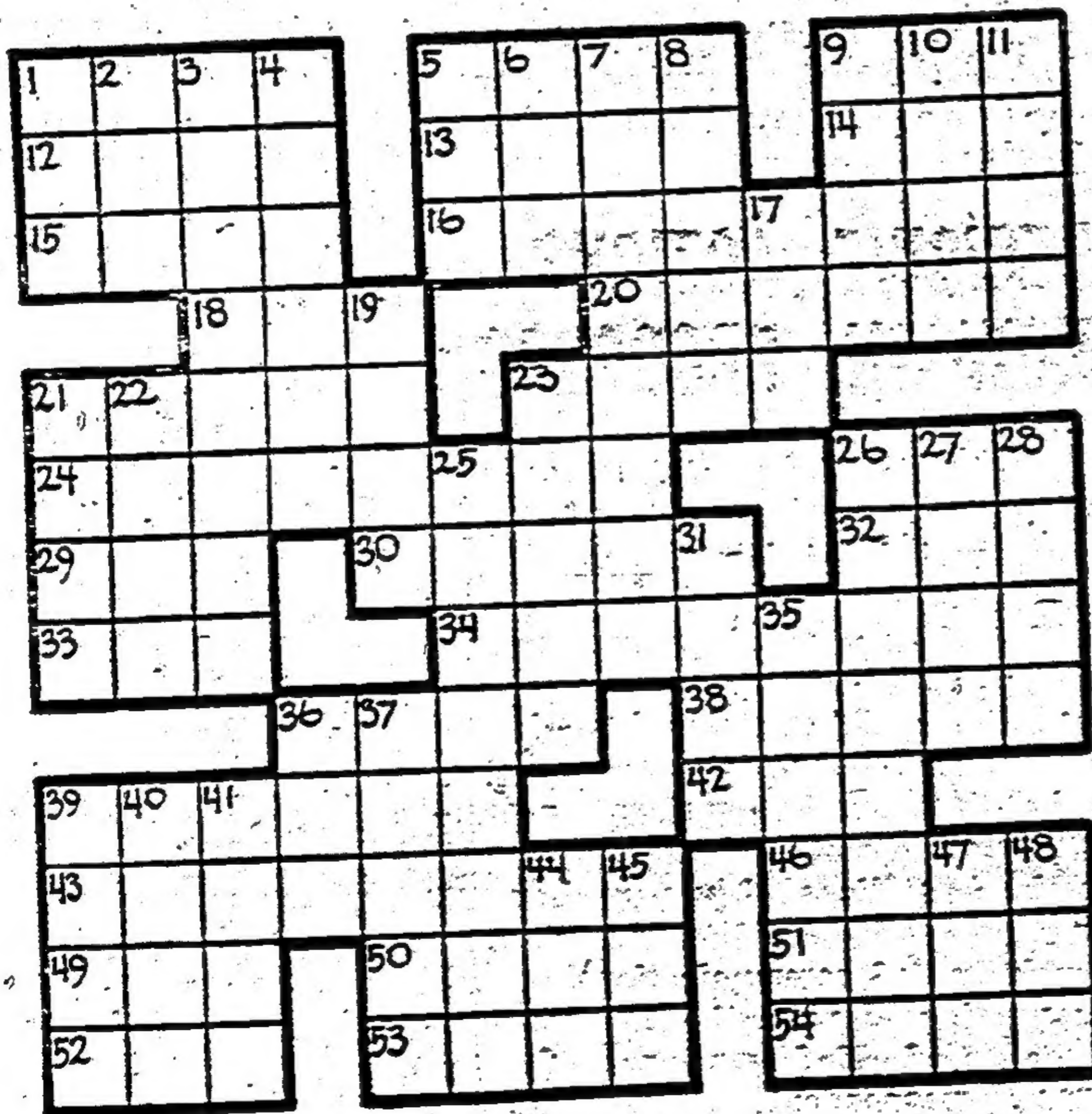
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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE

This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert
but our readers are warned to look out for occasional
phonetic spelling, such as harbor, plow, and altho.



HORIZONTAL

1—Moved rapidly
5—Girl's name
9—Small lump of butter
12—Relieve
13—Angered
14—A constellation
15—An insect (pl.)
16—News collector
18—Eternity
20—Check
21—Grecian island in
Mediterranean sea
23—Vase with a foot (pl.)
24—Most distant in time
26—France (abbr.)
29—Corroded
30—Horse
32—A roe (Scot.)
33—Couch
34—Builders
36—Organs of hearing
38—Rows

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

39—Ascended
42—Interest (abbr.)
43—Any region of space
46—Open the mouth wide
49—Sick
50—Entry in an account
51—Defensive armor
52—Golf mound
53—Organs of sight
54—Places

VERTICAL

1—Ocean
2—Woodland spirit
3—Considered
4—Spanish explorer
5—A title
6—Metric land measure
7—A witty reply
8—Decorate
9—Top of the head
10—Greek god of war

VERTICAL (Cont.)

11—Sour
17—Railroads (abbr.)
19—Snare
21—Small, sour apple
22—Network
23—Employers
25—Endless time
26—Exposure
27—Scarce
28—Session (abbr.)
31—Six hundred fifty-one
35—Stains
36—Superlative suffix
37—Nest of an eagle
39—Entrance, as to a
mine
40—To vex
41—Island (Poet.)
44—A letter
45—Trade marks (abbr.)
47—Deep hole
48—A letter

The solution of the above with a new cross-word puzzle
will appear in to-morrow's issue.

BRITAIN WILL NOT TOLERATE ILLEGAL SHANGHAI ENCROACHMENT

London, To-day.

"The Times" says that the attitude of the Japanese military leaders at Shanghai towards foreign rights in the International Settlement, has been for some time past the cause of anxiety on the part of the Powers concerned.

The reported utterances of General Matsui have had a peremptory and faintly buccaneering ring, and the treatment of foreign residents and their property had been somewhat unsatisfactory in districts under Japanese control, such as Yangtsepoo and Hungjao.

It would be academic, as well as useless, to object to the Japanese taking over control of various services, such as communications, as long as it was kept within reasonable bounds, but there must be no interference with the rights of foreign governments or individuals.

CONSTITUTIONAL SCOPE

Any attempt by the Japanese to exceed their constitutional scope and to meddle in matters and institutions which are an organic part of the Settlement, will not be tolerated, either by Britain or any other interested Power.

In their own interests the Japanese would be well advised to handle delicately, international issues at Shanghai.

Japan is unlikely to default over

the Customs but another and less reassuring aspect of the matter is the question of future administration of the Service.

CUSTOMS INTEGRITY

Englishmen have run the Chinese Customs since the Taiping Rebellion, and a notable succession of Inspectors-General has built up a tradition of integrity and efficiency which is the main foundation of China's credit, internal as well as external.

No British government could tacitly acquiesce in breaking of that tradition by illegal means, and representations made at the weekend to Tokyo by Britain, the United States and France, give a foretaste of what Japan, unless she is careful, may find to be more ser-

ious trouble than she expects.
Reuter.

"ASAHI" VIEW

Tokyo, To-day.

The "Asahi Shimbun" in an editorial this morning on the British and American representations to Japan regarding control of the Shanghai Customs, "which are in the nature of warnings," points out that Japan has not presented any formal demand whatever to any government.

General Matsui has merely declared that Japan should, as a matter of course, take over the Maritime Customs and the postal and telegraph administrations.

Even if Japan makes a demand of the nature mentioned, there is no reason whatever for Japan taking an unjust measure in disregard of the powers.

TIENTSIN PRECEDENT

"It is not difficult to imagine that any step Japan may take in this regard will be one which will be to the extent of precedent taken in connection with the Tientsin Customs."

Suggesting that Britain and the United States have taken up their present attitude because they are specially concerned over Shanghai, or they apprehend that Japan may demand more than at Tientsin, the journal continues: "On this account, in dealing with the powers' representations, Japan has no need to lower the level of the demand it should make as a matter of course."

"It need hardly be mentioned that as the victor country, Japan should adopt a grave attitude."
Reuter.

DECISIVE ACTIONS NOW IN PROGRESS

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are expected to join battle this afternoon.

The Japanese air squadrons, army and navy, have been extremely active and have played an important part in to-day's operations, although street warfare now places a limit upon their activities in the front lines. They are, however, intensively raiding the Chinese lines of communications, endeavouring to prevent the movement up of reinforcements. — Our Own Correspondent.

JAPANESE REPORT

Shanghai, To-day.

According to a Japanese press report, hitherto unconfirmed, the Japanese entered Changchow this morning.

A Japanese army spokesman said that Japanese forces advancing from north and south had surrounded Ning, west of Taihu Lake.

He added that Kiangyin was being hard pressed. — Reuter.

One case of diphtheria and four of dysentery were reported to the medical authorities in the 48 hours ended at midnight.

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NEWS FLASHES

The elimination between China and Japan for the 1940 Olympic Games is now taking place in Shanghai. The Tug of War, Bayonet thrust, Shot-put and Bomb dropping events are just about even on points according to the judges. Royal typewriters will report on the Games from day to day.